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WEEK 9 • LEVEL A • VCE LONG /Ī/ & SOFT <C> (JOB 3)

15 Master Words + Homophone Pair

1 Spelling Practice: Read each word aloud, notice how silent -e makes *i* say /aɪ/, and write twice.

-IME & -INE RIMES		WORDS 1-5 (VCE)	
1. time			
2. nine			
3. line			
4. shine			
5. nice			

SOFT <C> & VCE		WORDS 6-10	
6. price			
7. life			
8. quite			
9. like			
10. mile			

-ILE, -IDE & -IZE		WORDS 11-15	
11. smile			
12. fire			
13. wide			
14. side			
15. size			

2 VCe & Soft Sound Sorting: Classify the 15 spelling words into the four orthographic categories below.

-INE & -IME RIMES (4 WORDS)	SOFT <C> (JOB 3) (2 WORDS)	-ILE & -IDE RIMES (4 WORDS)	OTHER VCE WORDS (5 WORDS)
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	_____	4. _____	4. _____
_____	_____	_____	5. _____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3 Homophone Distinctions: Complete each context sentence with *hire* or *higher*.

PAIR DISTINCTIONS: HIRE (EMPLOY FOR WAGES) • HIGHER (MORE ELEVATED)

- a. The shop owner decided to _____ two friendly helpers for the summer.
- b. The golden eagle soared _____ and higher into the cloudless sky.

 RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 9

Rule 1 • /ī/ VCe Pattern

Words with /i/ spelled vowel-consonant-silent e (*time, line, like, mile, side*). Silent e makes the vowel long.

[Deb] Rule 2 • /ī/ Spellings

/i/ can be spelled i, i-e, ie, igh, and y across various English word families.

Rule 3 • Silent E (Job 3)

Silent e causes c and g to say their soft sounds /s/ and /dʒ/ (nice, price).

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Linguistic Matrix • Answer Key • Decodable Dictation

M Linguistic & Orthographic Matrix: Complete structural analysis of all 15 spelling words and homophone pair.

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Syllable & Phonics Structure	Orthographic Rules & Teaching Notes
1	time	tīm /ˈtaɪm/	t + i + m - e	VCe pattern: silent e makes i long /aɪ/
2	nine	nīn /ˈnaɪn/	n + i + n - e	VCe pattern: -ine rime
3	line	līn /ˈlaɪn/	l + i + n - e	VCe pattern: -ine rime
4	shine	shīn /ˈʃaɪn/	sh + i + n - e	Digraph sh- + -ine rime
5	nice	nīs /ˈnaɪs/	n + i + c - e	Silent e makes i long AND c soft /s/ (job 3)
6	price	prīs /ˈpraɪs/	pr + i + c - e	Blend pr- + silent e makes c soft /s/ (job 3)
7	life	līf /ˈlaɪf/	l + i + f - e	VCe pattern: -ife rime
8	quite	kwīt /ˈkwaɪt/	qu + i + t - e	qu + long ī + silent e; adverb (very)
9	like	līk /ˈlaɪk/	l + i + k - e	VCe pattern: -ike rime
10	mile	mīl /ˈmaɪl/	m + i + l - e	VCe pattern: -ile rime
11	smile	smīl /ˈsmaɪl/	sm + i + l - e	Blend sm- + -ile rime
12	fire	fīr /ˈfaɪər/	f + i + r - e	VCe pattern: r-influenced long ī
13	wide	wīd /ˈwaɪd/	w + i + d - e	VCe pattern: -ide rime
14	side	sīd /ˈsaɪd/	s + i + d - e	VCe pattern: -ide rime
15	size	sīz /ˈsaɪz/	s + i + z - e	VCe pattern: -ize rime
H	hire	hīr /ˈhaɪər/	h + i + r - e	To employ for wages; homophone with higher
H	higher	hī-ər /ˈhaɪ.ər/	high + -er	More elevated; comparative; homophone with hire

K Master Answer Key: Classification breakdown and homophone context solutions.

-INE & -IME RIMES	SOFT <C> (JOB 3)	-ILE & -IDE RIMES	OTHER VCE WORDS
time nine line shine	nice price	mile smile wide side	life quite like fire size

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: a. **hire** (employ for wages) • b. **higher** (comparative height)

D Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, focusing on VCe /i/ words and soft sound markers.

Sentence 1 (quite, nice, mile, wide, side) "It was quite nice to walk a mile along the wide river side."	Sentence 2 (shine, smile) "The bright morning sun began to shine and brought a smile to her face."
Sentence 3 (nine, time, fire) "At nine oclock, they made a warm fire to light up the dark camp."	Sentence 4 (like, size, price) "We like this shirt because the size fits well and the price is fair."