Hello there!

Hi, I'm Jen Bengel, the creator behind the Out of This World Literacy™ curriculum. I started developing these resources in 2012 while working as a Literacy Collaborative Coordinator, driven by a passion to support teachers with meaningful, research-based materials.

At the time, I was leading a lot of theory-heavy professional development, but the teachers I worked with were craving practical, ready-to-use support. So, I spent that summer—yes, in my pajamas!—writing the very first reading and writing unit. And just like that, Out of This World Literacy™ was born!

I specialize in designing literacy resources for older students who need continued support with foundational reading skills. My materials are thoughtfully created to be age-appropriate, respectful, and engaging—never babyish. My goal is to empower striving readers by helping them build confidence, strengthen their skills, and experience success without shame. I believe every learner deserves the dignity of materials that honor where they are and support where they're going.

My Educational Background Includes:

1. A **Bachelors Degree** in Elementary Education (K-8)
   *** University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh*
2. A **Graduate Degree** in Reading Education (K-12)
   *** University of South Alabama*
3. A **Post-Graduate Degree** as a Literacy Collaborative Coordinator.
   *** I trained with Irene Fountas and her colleagues at Lesley University in Cambridge, MA*

Ever since I began OOTWL, my motto has always been...

Every student who learns from a resource I've created is MY STUDENT too.

I deeply value the responsibility of supporting teachers as they educate students around the world. It's truly an honor to partner with you, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to help make this your best year yet!

Happy Teaching!

Jen Bengel



Professional Development Inquiries

https://www.youtube.com/@JenBengel

@OutofThisWorldLiteracy

@OutofThisWorldLiteracy

Jenbengel.com

@teachwithjenbengel

Phonics Practice FOR OLDER READERS!

Silent e Makes Long e | **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

TEXT ME!

Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of:
e + consonant +e
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.

Bro, my dog is a complete mess!

LOL, oh no what did Pete do now?

He tried to eat a centipede!

Dude! Your dog is so extreme! He's crazy!

I know! If I wasn't here to

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' | **Rule:**

Name:

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Only posts th
approved to
has a word with the pattern and can be approved. Circle the thumb's down if the post does not have a word that matches the pattern.

These chicken nuggets were mid

Steve just ate and left no crumbs!

How I feel about cleaning all evening

Silent e Makes Long e | **Rule:** When a word has an a-consonant-e pattern, the letter a makes the long vowel sound, and the e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

POST

Write a social media post on the lines under each of the images below. Use as many of the words from the word bank as you can. You can use a word more than one time!

Silent e Makes Long e

complete	delete	compete	concrete	scene	these
athlete	eve	here	theme	gene	evening
serene	concede	extreme	stampede	centipede	severe







Silent e Makes Long e | **Rule:** When a word has an a-consonant-e pattern, the letter a makes the long vowel sound, and the e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

POST

Share an update from your life! Draw a picture or glue an image into each of the 3 spaces then share an update on your life. Use as many of the words from the word bank as you can. You can use a word more than one time!

Silent e Makes Long e

complete	delete	compete	concrete	scene	these
athlete	eve	here	theme	gene	evening
serene	concede	extreme	stampede	centipede	severe

Connect phonetic word patterns to the real world by analyzing and creating social media posts!

Phonics Practice FOR OLDER READERS!

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' | **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Match each word with the image by drawing a line to connect the word with the image.








complete
delete
compete
concrete
scene
these

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' | **Rule**

Name: _____

PERFECT MATCH

Find a
Match
empty space that matches teach word.

			Number ↓				Number ↓
1	complete	these		1	evening	concede	
2	delete	gene		2	serene	Pete	
3	compete	concrete		3	Japanese	evening	
4	concrete	Chinese		4	concede	intervene	
5	scene	complete		5	extreme	serene	

Silent e Makes Long e | **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

STORY TIME

Create a story by filling in the blanks with words from your word bank. Be sure to spell your words correctly. Read your story out loud and have fun!

complete	athlete	compete	evening	here
theme	extreme	these	scene	Steve

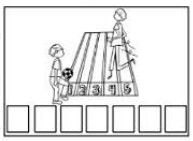
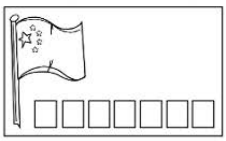
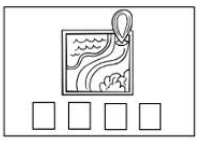
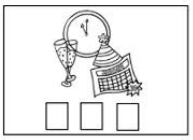
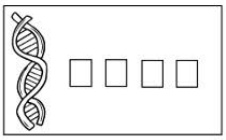
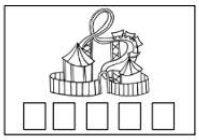
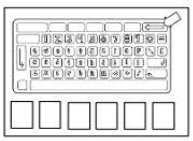
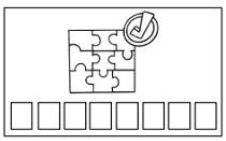
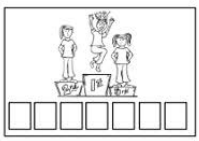
Sam had a big goal. One day he wanted to _____ in the Olympics! Sam knew that his goal was _____ but he didn't care. He would do whatever it took. Sam had a friend named _____. His friend thought Sam was a _____ crazy person. But Sam didn't care. He was _____ to practice. He was not going to let anyone else ruin his dream. Sam was an _____ ! Sam spent every morning and _____ before and after school practicing. His life followed a _____. Practice, eat, school, practice, sleep,

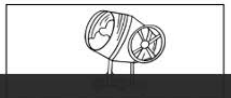
Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' | **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Match each word to the picture. Copy the word under each picture. Pay attention to how each word is spelled. Think about how each word sounds.

complete	delete	compete	concrete	scene	these
athlete	eve	here	theme	gene	Chinese




Combine phonetic word patterns with meaning!

Phonics Practice FOR OLDER READERS!

Silent e Makes Long e — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

STORY TIME

Create a story by filling in the blanks with words from your word bank. Be sure to spell your words correctly. Read your story out loud and have fun!

complete	athlete	compete	evening	here
theme	extreme	these	scene	Steve

Sam had a big goal. One day he wanted to c o m p l e t e in the Olympics! Sam knew that his goal was e x t r e m e but he didn't care. He would do whatever it took. Sam had a friend named S t e v e. His friend thought Sam was a c o m p l e t e crazy person. But Sam didn't care. He was h e r e anyone else ruin his dream. Sam was every morning and e v e n i His life followed a t h e m e repeat. " T h e s e days wil if Sam makes it on the Olympic s

Copyright: Out of T

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read the words inside each shape carefully. Color the shapes with word that match the e-consonant-e pattern. Answer the challenge question.

them	precede	hear	fear	centipede
beach	Pete	coffee	jeans	delete
before	serene	compete	Japanese	extreme
		flame	happy	Steve
		monkey	team	theme
		candy	either	intervene

ored in shapes spell? H

t of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

PERFECT MATCH

Find and match the words together. Read all the words. Match the number for each word. Write the number in the empty space that matches teach word.

			Number ↓
1	complete	these	6
2	delete	gene	11
3	compete	concrete	4
4	concrete	Chinese	12
5	scene	complete	1

			Number ↓
1	evening	concede	4
2	serene	Pete	9
3	Japanese	evening	1
4	concede	intervene	11
5	extreme	serene	2
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
12			

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Match each word to the picture. Copy the word under each picture. Pay attention to how each word is spelled. Think about how each word sounds.

complete	delete	compete	concrete	scene	these
athlete	eve	here	theme	gene	Chinese

a t h l e t e | C h i n e s e | h e r e
e v e | g e n e | t h e m e
d e l e t e | c o m p l e t e | c o m p e t e
s c e n e | c o n c r e t e | t h e s e

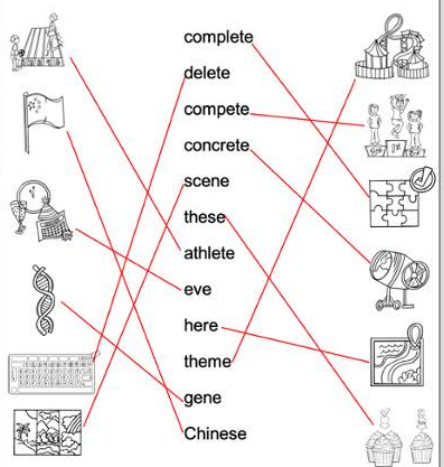
The pattern I found in each word is **Every word ends with a silent e. They all have the e-consonant-e pattern.**

Copyright: Out of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: Match each word with the image by drawing a line to connect the word with the image.



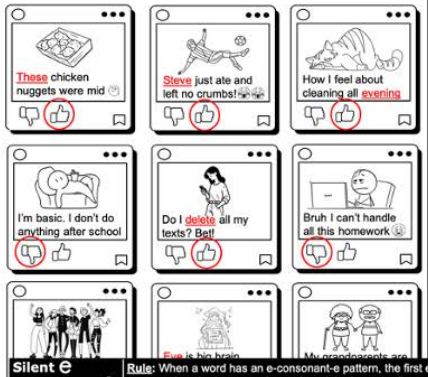
Copyright: Out of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

Silent 'e' Makes long 'e' — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Read the social media posts carefully. Circle the thumb's up if the post a word with the pattern and can be approved. Circle the thumb's down if there is no word that matches the pattern. Underline all the words that match the pattern.



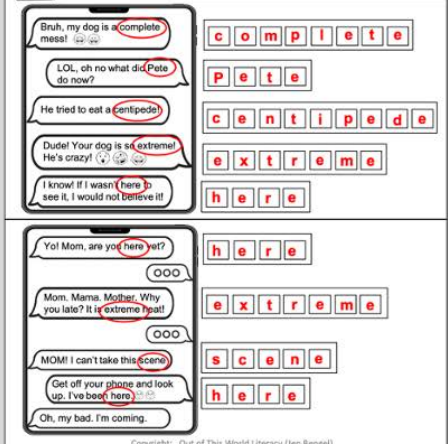
Silent e Makes Long e — **Rule:** When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

TEXT ME!

Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of: e + consonant +e

Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.



c o m p l e t e
P e t e
c e n t i p e d e
e x t r e m e
h e r e
h e r e
e x t r e m e
s c e n e
h e r e

Copyright: Out of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

ANSWER KEYS INCLUDED!

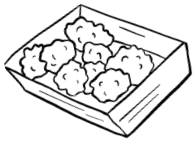
Silent 'e' Makes long 'e'

Rule: When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Read the social media posts carefully. Circle the thumb's up if the post a word with the pattern and can be approved. Circle the thumb's down if there is no word that matches the pattern. Underline all the words that match the pattern.



These chicken nuggets were mid



Steve just ate and left no crumbs!



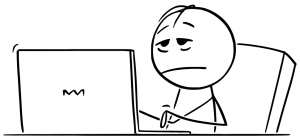
How I feel about cleaning all evening



I'm basic. I don't do anything after school



Do I delete all my texts? Bet!



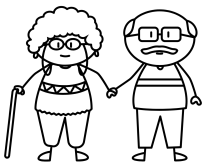
Bruh I can't handle all this homework



I love my fam!



Eve is big brain smart!



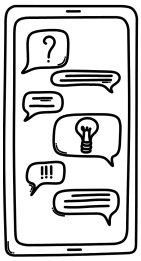
My grandparents are the GOAT

Copyright: Out of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

Silent e Makes Long e

Rule: When a word has an e-consonant-e pattern, the first e makes the long vowel sound, and the last e is silent.

Name: _____ Date: _____



TEXT ME!

Read the text messages. Circle all the words that match the pattern of:
e + consonant +e
Rewrite the words in the spaces provided.

Bruh, my dog is a complete mess!

LOL, oh no what did Pete do now?

He tried to eat a centipede!

Dude! Your dog is so extreme! He's crazy!

I know! If I wasn't here to see it, I would not believe it!

c o m p l e t e

P e t e

c e n t i p e d e

e x t r e m e

h e r e

Yo! Mom, are you here yet?

ooo

Mom. Mama. Mother. Why you late? It is extreme heat!

ooo

MOM! I can't take this scene

Get off your phone and look up. I've been here.

Oh, my bad. I'm coming.

h e r e

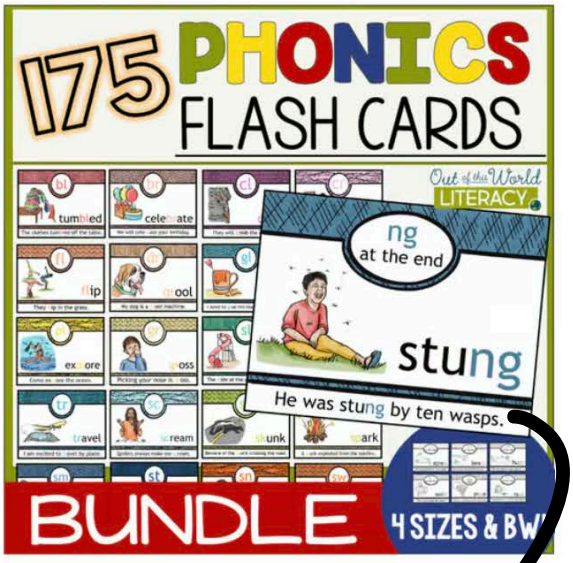
e x t r e m e

s c e n e

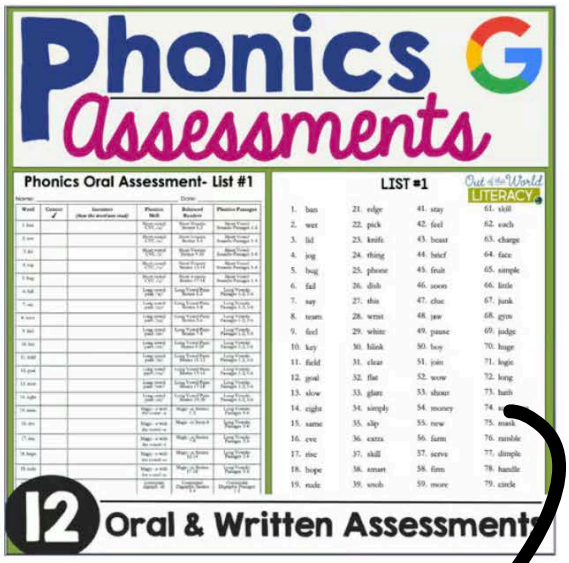
h e r e

Copyright: Out of This World Literacy (Jen Bengel)

Looking for more help?

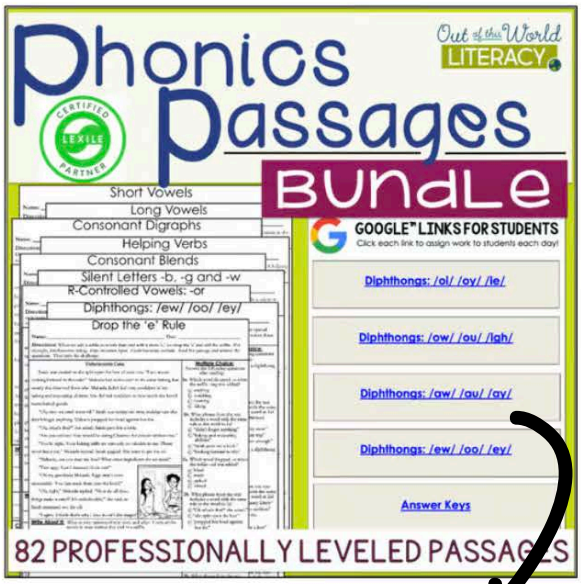


CLICK HERE

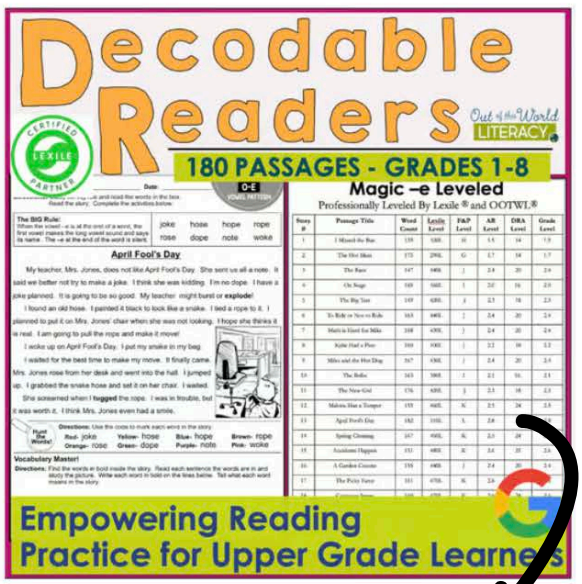


CLICK HERE

Phonics Support for Older Readers

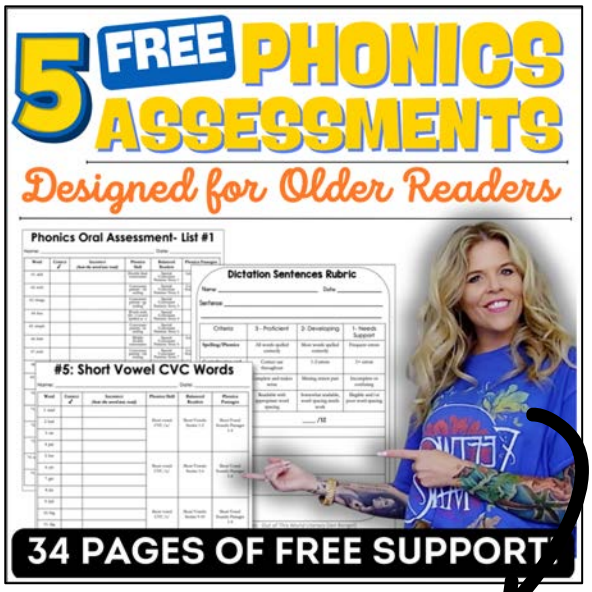


CLICK HERE

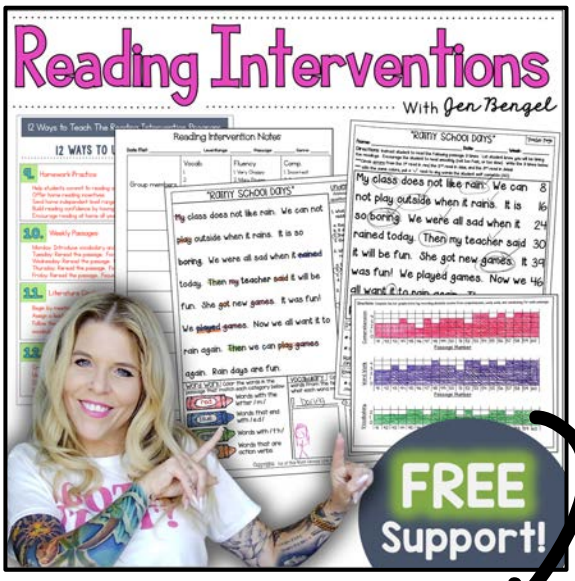


CLICK HERE

Looking for free support?

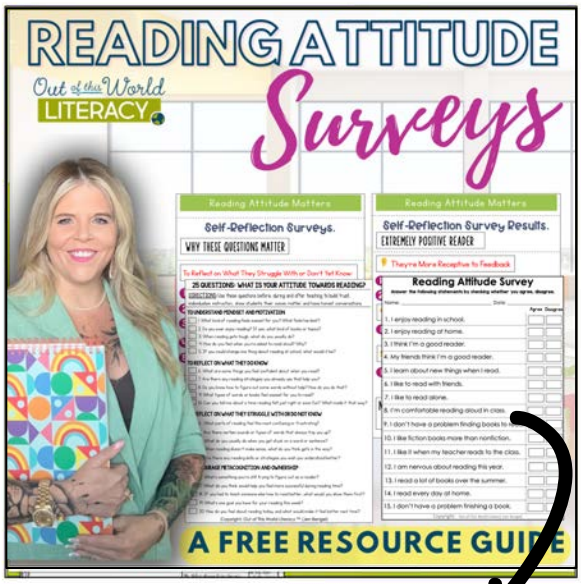


CLICK HERE

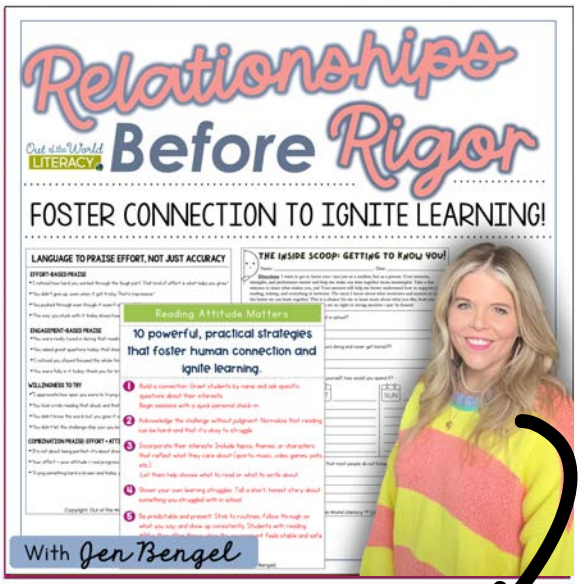


CLICK HERE

FREE Support to Help Older Readers



CLICK HERE



CLICK HERE