Consonant L E Syllables (“Type 5”)

The consonant-l-e syllable usually comes at the end of a word. Two-syllable words with this pattern are very reliable, and once the student knows to pronounce -PLE as if it were -PEL, these words can be divided and conquered with relative ease.

Closed syllable consonant-l-e words (HUMBLE, SIMPLE, GURGLE) are much more common than ones with open syllables (BIBLE, ABLE), so students sometimes overgeneralize and use the short vowel sound regardless. Give the open syllable words more practice.

Focus on the shorter words, as the longer words with consonant-l-e often have schwa sounds with various spellings. -CKLE and -STLE are special categories because they have silent letters, although CK can be taught as a way of doubling the /k/ consonant so that the first syllable can get a consonant and keep its vowel short.

Always be mindful of confusing homophones or close-homophones (e.g., “bridle” and “bridal”).

A sampling of consonant-l-e words by ending -- these are good introductory examples.

-BLE

ramble

thimble

 garble

scramble

bubble

scribble

able

fable

Bible

noble

able

amble

-SLE

hassle

tussle

-DLE

kindle

handle

dwin

dle

trundle

fiddle

coddle

ladle

idle

bridle

\* addle

saddle

fiddle

middle

muddle

griddle

-CLE

circle

cycle

cycle

uncle

-PLE

ample

example

dimple

purple

ripple

topple

supple

staple

scruple

maple

-GLE

bungle

gargle

jingle

tangle

giggle

haggle

juggle

ogle

-FLE

baffle

duffle

shuffle

sniffle

rifle

trifle

stifle

-TLE

chortle

mantle

startle

turtle

bottle

prattle

title

-ZLE

puzzle

grizzle

frazzle

dazzle

drizzle

embezzle

nuzzle

nozzle

muzzle

-CKLE

cackle

chuckle

pickle

tackle

buckle

heckle

speckle

trickle

freckle

grackle

-STLE

apostle

bristle

bustle

castle

epistle

forecastle

gristle

hustle

jostle

nestle

pestle

rustle

thistle

trestle

whistle

wrestle

CONSONANT-LE Basic Practice List – small changes from one word to the next.

jiggle

juggle

cattle

hassle

bubble

bobble

babble

scrabble

paddle

 candle

gentle

purple

gurgle

gargle

startle

kindle

swindle

bundle

single

Bible

bugle

fable

ruble

gable

stable

rifle

stifle

trifle

able

cable

cradle

idle

ladle

bridle

maple

staple

noble

bugle

Consonant-l-e words -- extensive list (-able and -ible not included)

A

addle

aisle

ample

angle

ankle

apostle

apple

article

assemble

auricle

B

babble

baffle

bamboozle

bangle

barnacle

battle

beadle

beagle

bedazzle

beetle

befuddle

Bible

bicycle

binnacle

bluebottle

bobble

boggle

boodle

boondoggle

bottle

bramble

bridle

brindle

bristle

brittle

bubble

buckle

bugle

bundle

bungle

burble

burgle

C

cable

cackle

candle

canticle

carbuncle

castle

cattle

chasuble

chicle

chortle

chronicle

chuckle

clavicle

cobble

cockle

coddle

constable

corpuscle

couple

crackle

cradle

crinkle

cripple

crumple

cubicle

cuddle

curdle

cuticle

D

dabble

dandle

dangle

dapple

dawdle

dazzle

debacle

dimple

dingle

disciple

disentangle

disgruntle

dismantle

dissemble

draggle

drizzle

doodle

double

duffle

dwindle

E

eagle

embattle

encircle

enfeeble

ennoble

ensemble

entangle

entitle

embezzle

epistle

example

F

fable

fascicle

feeble

fettle

fickle

fiddle

finagle

fizzle

fo’c’sle

foible

follicle

forecastle

frazzle

freckle

frizzle

fuddle

fumble

G

gable

gaggle

garble

gargle

gentle

giggle

girdle

gobble

goggle

grabble

grackle

grapple

griddle

gristle

grizzle

grumble

gurgle

guzzle

H

hackle

haggle

handle

hassle

heckle

huddle

humble

hurdle

hurtle

hustle

I

icicle

idle

ignoble

intermingle

inveigle

isle

J

jangle

jingle

joggle

jostle

juggle

jumble

jungle

K

kettle

kibble

kindle

knuckle

L

ladle

little

M

manacle

mandible

mangle

manhandle

mantle

maple

marble

meddle

mettle

middle

mingle

miracle

 mishandle

mollycoddle

multiple

monocle

motorcycle

mottle

muddle

muffle

mumble

muscle

muzzle

myrtle

N

needle

nestle

nibble

nimble

nipple

noble

noodle

nozzle

nubble

nuzzle

O

obstacle

ogle

oracle

P

paddle

panhandle

parable

participle

particle

peddle

pentacle

people

periwinkle

pestle

pickle

piddle

pimple

pineapple

pinnacle

poodle

prattle

preamble

prickle

principle

puddle

purple

puzzle

Q

quadrangle

quadruple

quibble

quintuple

R

rabble

raffle

rattle

ramble

ramshackle

rankle

receptacle

rectangle

recycle

rekindle

resettle

reshuffle

retitle

riddle

riffle

rifle

ripple

ruble

ruffle

rumble

rumple

rustle

S

sable

saddle

sample

scrabble

scramble

scribble

scruple

scuffle

scuttle

semicircle

settle

shackle

shamble

shingle

shuffle

shuttle

sickle

sidle

simple

single

sizzle

smuggle

snaffle

sniffle

snuffle

snuggle

spangle

sparkle

speckle

spectacle

spindle

spittle

sprinkle

squiggle

stable

staple

startle

steeple

stickle

stifle

stipple

straddle

straggle

strangle

struggle

stubble

stumble

subtitle

suckle

supple

subtle

swaddle

swindle

syllable

T

table

tabernacle

tackle

tangle

teakettle

temple

tentacle

testicle

thimble

thistle

throttle

tickle

tingle

tinkle

tipple

title

toddle

topple

trample

treacle

treadle

treble

trestle

triangle

trickle

tricycle

trifle

triple

trouble

tousle

truckle

truffle

trundle

tubercle

tumble

turtle

tussle

twaddle

twiddle

twinkle

U

unbridle

unbuckle

unsettle

untangle

V

vehicle

ventricle

vesicle

W

waddle

waffle

waggle

wangle

warble

wheedle

whiffle

whistle

wiggle

wimple

winkle

wobble

wrangle

wrestle

wriggle

wrinkle

There are about 13 pages of -able and -ible words. They get their own file ☺