

# THERE IS NO E IN SKI

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A short comedy by  
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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

S, a proud consonant.

K, a consonant with a chip on its shoulder.

I, an icy cool vowel.

E, an enthusiastic vowel.

## SETTING

A perfect day for skiing.

## PRODUCTION NOTES

Each letter wears a sweater with a large S, K, I, or E on it. They are dressed for skiing.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*There Is No E in Ski* premiered at the 8-Minute Madness Festival in 2011. It was produced by Turtle Shell Productions (New York, NY) and directed by Mikaela Kafka with the following cast:

S.....Gillian Lieberman  
K.....Sharon Rosenthal  
I.....Alana Collins  
E.....Peter Cevallos

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*(S runs onstage joyfully.)*

**S:** Snow! First snow!

*(K follows, happy, with I. They stand spelling I, K, S.)*

"Iks"?

**K:** No!

*(They rearrange to spell SKI.)*

**S, K, I:** Ah! Ski!

*(They begin to "ski." They make sound effects like "schuss!" They sway and bend in happy unison. E enters, running, out of breath.)*

**E:** Sorry! Sorry I'm late!

**S:** For what?

**E:** Uh...skiing!

**K:** There is no E in ski.

**E:** Of course there is.

**S:** No there isn't.

**E:** Yes there is.

**I:** Excuse me!

**E:** Oh!

*(S, K, and I go back to skiing, a little miffed.)*

Oh man...I'm...right, Letter I makes the "ee" sound.

**I:** I certainly do.

**E:** No offense, I.

**I:** You do most of the "ee" sounds. You could let me have some fun, you know.

*(They ski.)*

E: Well, I'm here. Might as well use me.

S: For what?

E: Uh...skies? S, K, I, E, S?

S: And what would I do? Run back and forth? I'm just one S, E.

E: Right, sorry. Won't work.

K: With another S, we could spell kiss!

I: Oh, good one!

E: But there's no E in kiss.

I: SO WHAT?

E: Wow, I. You are just a little hostile.

I: I'm sick of E. I'm sick of you. E, E, E. I can't even spell English without you! Could you give it a rest?

E: Why pick on me? What about S here? Sure is a whole lot of S—

S: Hey now, leave me out of your tiff, ok?

K: *Vowels.*

S: *I know.*

I: What?

S: It's nothing. Let's ski.

I: It's not nothing. What do you mean, vowels?

K: Well, you're a vowel, I.

I: I know I am!

S: So...that's all. Vowels!

I: No, you said, "*vowels.*" Like there is something wrong with that.

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**E:** Jealous.

**S:** We are not.

**E:** We are essential. They are not.

**S:** Clique!

**I:** Well you can't ski without me.

**K:** Exactly. So will you please?

**I:** No!

**S:** Temperamental vowels.

**E:** Here we go.

**I:** Oh don't start! Yes! Yes! We can change and adapt. But we're not the only ones! What about G? Garbage, garage. Not too consistent there, are you, Consonants?

**E:** Or T! Thermometer. Which is it? "Th" or "t?"

**I:** What about C?

**K:** I *loathe* C. You can have C.

**E:** We don't want C either. Please.

**S:** It's X that gets on my nerves. I mean, why do we need X? Look at us!

*(K and S stand together and say:)*

**S, K:** Ks!

**K:** If anyone has the right to complain, it's me. I've got C on my turf, I've got X. Half the time I'm stuck *with* C. I can do it *myself*.

**S:** Of course you can.

**E:** Poor baby.

**K:** Are you mocking me?

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