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SOUND SLEUTHS

THE E MAGICIAN



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A visitor

It was a bright afternoon when Auntie Holly knocked on the door.

She held Baby Faye on her hip, and Faye was clutching her pink blanket.

“She’s all yours for the afternoon,” Auntie Holly said with a smile.

Kaysi reached out her arms.

“Come here, sweet girl,” she said warmly.

Faye giggled and snuggled into Kaysi’s arms.

Bella, who was four, jumped up and down.

“Let me take her! Can I show her my shoes?”

Later,” said Kaysi. “First, let’s start our Sound Sleuths game!”



Mystery of the E Magician



Nolan set a small box on the coffee table.

“Sound Sleuths, are you ready?” he asked.

“Yes!” shouted Samantha, who was twelve.

“Always ready,” said Mirna, age nine, adjusting her hair bow.

“I’m ready!” yelled Dax, who was six and still wearing his jacket even though it was warm inside.

Bella leaned over the box. “What’s the challenge today?”

Nolan grinned. “Today, we’re hunting for magic words.

When the letter E appears at the end of a word, it can change the vowel sound, like magic!”

Samantha nodded. “Oh, like cap becomes cape.”

“Exactly,” said Nolan. “The E is a magician. It doesn’t talk, but it changes the sound.”

First Clue: The missing tape

The first card from the box said: tap = ?

“Hmm” Samantha thought for a second.

“Add an E? tape!” she said.

They ran to the drawer with tape.

Inside was the next card and a tiny magnifying glass.

“Alhamdulillah, we found it!” said Kaysi.



Second Clue: Baby Faye's Surprise

The next card read: hop = ?

“Hope!” Mirna said proudly.

“Then the clue must be near something hopeful” said Nolan.

Suddenly, Baby Faye crawled toward the window and patted it.

Outside, a bird was hopping in the yard.

“Look, she found the hop clue!” Bella laughed.

They checked under the window and found the next card.



Third Clue: Bella's Mistake

The card read: kit =?

“Easy! Kite!” said Bella, running to her toy chest.



But instead of a kite, she saw Baby Faye leaning over to chew the edge of the toy chest.

“No, Faye! That’s not a clue!” Samantha said, gently moving her away.

“Yum?” asked Faye hopefully.

“Not yum,” said Kaysi, smiling. “Clues are for finding, not eating.”

Finally, Dax spotted the real clue, a small paper kite taped to the side of the chest.

The E Magician Solves the Case

The last card read:

“You’ve solved the E Magician mystery!

**Silent E makes vowels say their names.”



The kids cheered. Bella twirled in excitement, and Faye tried to clap with her pink blanket still in her hands.

“Alhamdulillah, we solved it,” Nolan said.

“InshaAllah, next time, the E Magician will have an even trickier case!”

Practice words

- tap → tape
- hop → hope
- kit → kite
- cap → cape
- pin → pine



Mini Mission

1. Add a silent E to these words and say the new word aloud:

mad, tub, fin

2. Draw a picture of one word after the E magician changed it!