

The Magic E Wand and Card Set

Thank you for your purchase of the Really Good Stuff®

The Magic E Wand and Card Set—a fun, hands-on activity to help your students learn and master the differences between short vowel and silent *e* spelling patterns.

This Really Good Stuff® product includes:

- 62 Magic E Word Cards
- 4 Lenticular Star Wands
- 1 Storage Bag
- This Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guide

Objective

Distinguish between short-vowel (CVC, CCVC) and long-vowel (CVCe, CCVCe) words when reading regularly spelled one-syllable words.

Introducing Silent E and Its Powers

The silent *e* has special powers: It can be seen but not heard, and it can make the vowel before it say its own name, changing it from a short vowel to a long vowel. Model practicing the powers of silent *e* by pretending to be “Silent -e” and commanding the preceding vowel to say its name. For example, “Plan. (pointing to the *a*) Say your name! /a/ Yes, so *plan* is now *plane*!”

The Magic E Wand and Card Set is an engaging way to help students practice reading final -e words. Students are presented with *Word Cards*. They read the word first and then place the magic wand at the end of the word. Our *Lenticular Star Wands* are unique: In the upright position, students will see the “grinning” star. But when placed down on the table, the wand’s star “magically” transforms to an *e*, changing the CVC or CCVC word into a CVCe or CCVCe word!

Included in this set are 62 *Word Cards* divided into vowel groups: blue for *a*; orange for *i*; green for *o*; pink for *u*. There is no *e* set since very few “*e*” words follow this pattern.

Managing The Magic E Wand and Card Set

- Separate the cards by vowel family and rubber band together.
- Store entire activity in the storage bag.
- Visit our Web site at reallygoodstuff.com to download Really Good Stuff® Instructional Guides.

Introducing the Activity

1. Select the vowel group you want to teach or review first.
2. Take one of those cards, hold it up to the group, and ask if anyone can read the word. (For example: the *can* Word Card.)
3. Note with the students that /a/ in *can* is a short vowel.
4. Ask them what happens to the word if you add an *e* on the end of it. You might do this on a white board, before introducing the wand.
5. Note with the students that the *e* makes the vowel before it say its name. The vowel right before the final *e* changes its sound from a short /a/ sound to a long /a/ sound—*can* becomes *cane*.
6. Next bring out one of the *Lenticular Star Wands* and hold it upright so that the star face shows. Tell students that this is a special wand that will ‘magically’ change when you place it down on the card.
7. Place another *Word Card* on the table. Have the students read the card, then place the *Star Wand* at the end of the word (a star outline is on the card for support). Ask them now to read the new word.
8. Continue in the same manner with all the cards.



cane



Students love the action of the game and enjoy changing the words into Magic E words. Place this activity at a learning center where students can work together. Students can read the *Word Cards* by vowel family, or, for an additional challenge, two or more vowel families can be shuffled together. A Magic E record sheet is included. Students can record the CVC or CCVC word and the new CVCe or CCVCe word for more practice at school or at home.

The Magic E Wand and Card Set

Magic E Cards included:

a	i	o	u
at/ate	bit/bite	cod/code	crud/crude
can/cane	dim/dime	con/cone	cub/cube
cap/cape	fin/fine	cop/cope	cut/cute
fad/fade	grip/gripe	glob/globe	dud/dude
fat/fate	hid/hide	hop/hope	hug/huge
glad/glade	kit/kite	lob/lobe	plum/plume
grad/grade	pin/pine	mop/mope	tub/tube
hat/hate	pip/pipe	not/note	
mad/made	quit/quite	pop/pope	
man/mane	rid/ride	rob/robe	
mat/mate	rip/ripe	rod/rode	
nap/nape	shin/shine	slop/slope	
pan/pane	sit/site	wok/woke	
past/paste	slid/slide		
plan/plane	slim/slime		
rag/rage	spin/spine		
rat/rate	strip/stripe		
sag/sage	twin/twine		
scrap/scrape			
slat/slate			
stag/stage			
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