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Answers

Magic 'e'
'a-e', 'i-e', 'o-e', 'u-e'

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1a Reading Exercise

The Dilapidated House: Part One

Sam and Gus have been great friends for many years. They like one another's company, they love to laugh and they have had many adventures together. One fine morning, Sam and Gus are sitting in a café. Sam is having a cup of coffee, and Gus is having his favourite drink — a large mug of hot chocolate with whipped cream. They each have a scone and jam to eat. They are reading separate newspapers and chatting happily. Sam is feeling a little tired because a noisy cat has kept him up all night. He yawns widely and takes a sip of his tea.

Suddenly, Gus sits up very straight. He seems excited about something he has seen in his paper. He shows Sam an advertisement on page nineteen. It gives details of an old, dilapidated house that is for sale. Gus wants to acquire the house and repair it, make it safe and turn it into a top hotel. He thinks it would be fun, and they could make a lot of money and retire! Sam is not so sure. He wants to take a good look at the house to see the damage. It has been disused for over twenty years and is likely to be beyond repair. They decide to go to the house immediately. Gus believes that he can definitely persuade Sam to buy the place . . .

1b Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

- 1. Why are Sam and Gus friends?
- 2. What is Gus's favourite drink?
- 3. Why is Sam feeling tired?
- 4. What has Gus seen in his newspaper that makes him excited?
- 5. What does Gus want to do with the old house?

1c Wordsearch

There are 9 words from the story hidden in the box below. They go from left to right and top to bottom.

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1d Find the Word

Take a red pen and carefully circle all the words in the story that use magic 'e'.

1e Creative Writing

On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph of 100 words describing a dilapidated old house.

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2a Reading Exercise

The Dilapidated House: Part Two

Sam and Gus arrive at the huge gates of the dilapidated house. It is dark and dirty and seems to rise high above them. It has an air of loneliness about it and the west wall is badly eroded. Sam shivers as he feels a definite drop in temperature. Gus smiles bravely and pushes the gate. It creaks and whines as it swings open. They start to walk up the path. Sam notices the banks of weeds that slope away down to the road behind them. They reach the front door. Sam thinks they have made a mistake in coming to the house. He has a strange feeling about it all. Gus insists they have a look at the damage. He is thinking about how many people it could accommodate if it became a hotel.

Sam sees a picture on the wall of a sad, old man. He seems to be frowning at the two friends. A piece of paper flutters down the stairs and lands at Sam's feet. He picks it up and reads the message, 'From the wisdom of ages, I bring you this message. Stand back and admire, but do not acquire. This house has no hope, your mistake is to probe!' A soft wind blows through the hallway, rustling their clothes and hair. Sam and Gus look at each other and realise they must get out of the house as fast as they can. They turn and run down the path, pulling the gates shut.