ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

Magic e and Silent Letters Quiz: Kite, Knife, Lamb

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Explanations

1. Add a magic e to “kit”. Which new word do you make?
✔ **A) kite**
kit + e = kite. The silent e makes the i say its name.

2. In the word “cake”, what sound does the letter a make?
✔ **B) “ay”, like the name of the letter A**
Magic e makes the vowel say its name, so the a in cake says “ay”.

3. Which word sounds like “sed”?
✔ **C) said**
said is a tricky everyday word. It doesn’t follow the rules and sounds like “sed”.

4. Which letter is silent in “lamb”?
✔ **D) b**
When a word ends in mb, the b is silent: lamb, climb, comb, thumb.

5. Which word has a silent w?
✔ **A) wrong**
When a word starts with wr, the w is silent: wrong, write. We say the w in window, water and swim.

6. Which word has a silent h?
✔ **B) hour**
The h in hour is silent, so we say “an hour”. We say the h in house, hat and hello.

7. Which word has a silent l?
✔ **C) walk**
The l in walk is silent, like in talk and half. We say the l in lamp, milk and love.

8. Which word does NOT follow the magic e rule?
✔ **D) give**
give has a short i sound. bike, hope and cute all have a long vowel that says its name.

9. Please ___ your name at the top of the page.
✔ **A) write**
write starts with a silent w. right sounds the same but means correct or the opposite of left.

10. Cut the bread with a ___.
✔ **B) knife**
knife starts with a silent k, and the final e makes the i long. Keep both letters when you write it.

11. Look! The rabbit is ___ across the garden.
✔ **C) hopping**
hop has a short o, so we double the p: hopping. hoping comes from hope.

12. I’m ___ to see you on Saturday.
✔ **D) hoping**
hope has a long o, so we drop the e and add -ing with one p: hoping.

13. What sound does gh make in “laugh”?
✔ **A) an “f” sound**
In laugh, enough and cough, gh sounds like f. In night it is silent.

14. Which word sounds the same as “too”?
✔ **B) two**
two has a silent w and sounds exactly like too.

15. Which word has a long a sound that says “ay”?
✔ **C) plane**
plane ends in magic e, so the a says its name. plan, hat and cap have a short a.

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