

The Kite With a Secret

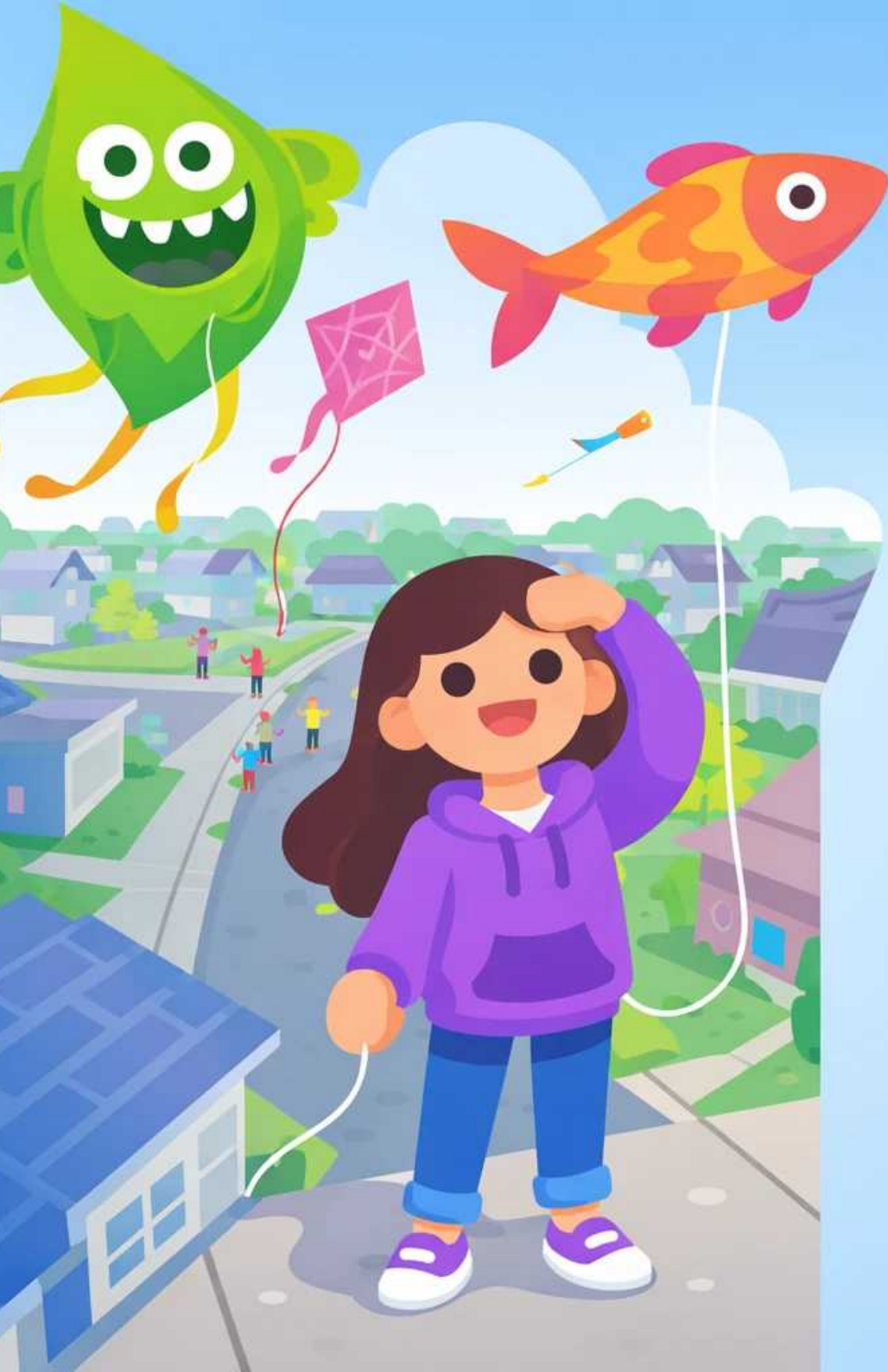


It rained all week. May pressed her nose to the window every morning and said, 'Come on, sun!'

Then one day, the rain **blew** away and the sky was bright. May ran to the street before her laces were even tied.

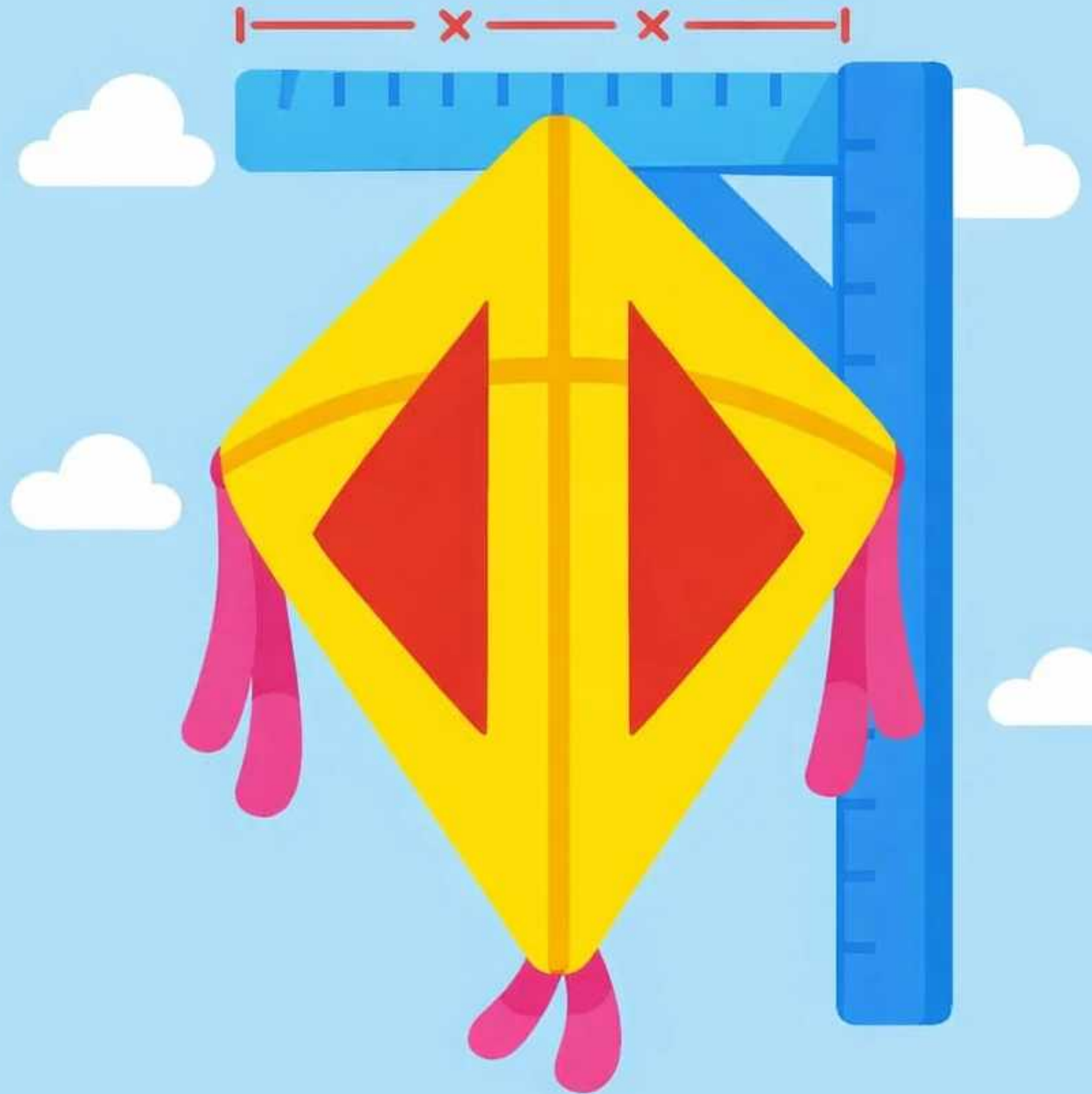
Today was the day. Her kite was going to fly.





Kids lined the street, and the sky was full of kites. May could see a big green monster kite with big teeth and a shiny fish kite that swooped and dived like it was alive. May **put** one hand up to block the sun. 'Those are **cool**,' she said. Then she smiled. 'But not one of them has a troll queen.' Her kite was not just any kite. It had a secret trick. A **good** one.

It **took** May days to make her kite. Rule one: both sides must match. Exactly. May checked the left side. Then the right. Then she checked them again, just to be safe. A kite must be **smooth** and even. If one side is **too** long, **do you** see what happens? The kite spins off, tips low, and splat. Right into the dirt. No thank **you**.





May started with sketches.

Lots of sketches! Then she **took** paper, tape, and **glue**.

More tape, **too**, because **you** can never have **too** much tape.

She cut the shapes with skill.

Paper, not **wood**. Not metal. A kite must be light so the wind can lift it.

You would not throw a brick into the sky and wait for it to float. **Would you?**

Next came the string. May unrolled it across her **bedroom**. Then along the hall. Then into the kitchen, past the big plant and the dishes, and almost to the back door.

'This string goes forever!' she yelled, leaping over a **stool**.

The longer the string, the higher the kite can go. And the kite May made was going to fly higher than all the rest.





This was the best part.
May went up to the roof
and held her kite high. On it
was her secret trick: a troll
queen with a big smile and
a gold hat on top. 'Your job
is to fly higher than every
kite on this street,' May
told her. 'Can you do that?'
The troll queen just smiled
and looked cool.

The kite dipped and wobbled left and right. It fell so low that May could almost reach it. 'No, no, no, no!' Then a big gust of wind scooped under the wings, and the kite shot into the sky. It **flew** past the rooftops, past the monster kite, past the fish kite, and past every kite on the street! May jumped and yelled, 'Go, Troll Queen, go!'





She **flew** so high! The kite was just a tiny yellow shape against the sunset sky. The troll queen smiled up there, and her pink ribbons danced in the wind. The **true** queen of the sky. Do you want to make a cool kite of your own? Grab some paper and a **good** long string. **Doodle** something brave on it. Then send it up and see what happens.



The Kite With a Secret

A girl waits all week for the rain to stop, and the moment the sun breaks through, she rushes outside with a kite that has a secret weapon hiding on its front. Every kite on the street looks good, but hers has something none of the others do. Will her secret trick fly higher than them all? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 92: Vowel Teams Review 2), this book practices words like 'cool', 'blew', 'roof', 'smooth', 'true'.

Phonics Focus: Vowel Teams Review 2

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