“Magic E” Explained

1. 50% of the time, it does what it is “supposed” to do… make the vowel say its name
   - strange, paste
   - bone, cute
   - cape, pipe

2. Never, Ever Rule – English words never, ever end in l, v, u, j
   - have, true
   - argue, give

3. C and G Train – changes the sound from “hard to soft”
   - cage, ice
   - force, orange

4. Every syllable needs a WRITTEN vowel – Mostly for “le” endings
   - table, freckle
   - waffle, acre*
   - turtle, google

5. Helps to distinguish a plural, from the not plural form and/or present progressive form
   - purse – purses
   - house – houses

6. Makes words bigger (I blame the printers from the 1400’s)
   - awe, are, rye

7. Changes the “th” grapheme into the voiced phoneme
   - breath-breath
   - bath-bathe
   - cloth-clothe

8. Helps clarify meaning
   - or-ore
   - teas-tease
   - hears-hearse

9. Ummm… I blame the printers again. 😊
   - come, done
   - some, were