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The Magic Trick

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With the help of Mr Gruber and a new magic kit,
Paddington becomes Paddington the Magnificent!



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Dear Aunt Lucy,



Today, I learned
a new magic word:
"Abracadabra!"

It all began in
Mr Gruber's shop . . .





“Please!” shouted Paddington.

“You are such a polite bear,” Mr Gruber said. “No, the magic word is . . .

ABRacAdaBRA!”

Mr Gruber hid a red ball under a cup.
“What is the magic word?” he asked.





Mr Gruber waved his wand and lifted
the cup.

The ball had vanished!

“Would you show that trick to the Browns?
They would love it!” said Paddington.

“You can show them yourself,”
said Mr Gruber.





Mr Gruber gave Paddington a magic hat and a box full of tricks.

“You are now Paddington the Magnificent!” said Mr Gruber.

Later, the Browns sat down to watch the show. They were excited!



Paddington the Magnificent
placed the ball under the cup.
He waved his wand and said the
magic word,

"AbRACaDABRA!"



But nothing happened.
The trick did not work!



At the shop, Mr Gruber told Paddington how to do the magic trick.

Paddington was upset.
“Perhaps Mr Gruber can help?”
said Mr Brown.





A secret hole in the cup hid the ball.

“So, magic isn’t real?” asked Paddington.

“Magic is real. But it isn’t in the trick.
It’s in the joy it brings to others,” said
Mr Gruber.



So, Paddington went home to try the trick again. He even tried to learn new tricks.



He practised so hard that he needed a little rest.



Soon, Paddington the Magnificent was ready for his big show! The Browns sat down to watch again.

This time, Paddington was prepared!



He did trick . . .

... after
trick ...



“And now, for my final trick,” said
Paddington.

“I shall make this ball vanish from under
this cup.”



after trick!



It worked!

The Browns clapped and cheered.



“How did you do it?” asked Jonathan.

“Magic is in the joy it brings to others.
But as it would make you happy to know,
I will tell you . . .”



But the ball wasn't in
the cup, Aunt Lucy!
We searched
everywhere.
Perhaps magic
is real after all.

Love from,
Paddington the
Magnificent

