Bossy/ Magic e Game

This game is played like "Go Fish" and children have to say and pair words that follow the bossy/magic e rule.

In order to learn this rule children must know what vowels and consonants are.

The basic rule is simple:
When you add an e to the end of the word the vowel says its name (is a long vowel).

However it is a bit more complex and first of all examples should be given:
mad- made   pet- Pete   fin- fine   cod-code   cub-cube

So, in these examples the pattern is:

ONE VOWEL + CONSONANT + FINAL "-E". When this happens, the vowel has the same sound as its alphabetical name

Of course, there are exceptions like *have* and *give* and "_O_E" words can be especially tricky come, some

- o none, shone, gone, love
- o move, lose
- o done
- o one

but in most cases the rule will apply.

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The cards are dealt so that all players have 7 cards each and a pile of cards are placed faced down on the table. The first child asks the person to their left if they have a card to match theirs. For example if they have mat they would say to the person, "Do you have mate?" If that player has the "mate" card they give it to the first child, the pair is placed on the table and the child has another go. If the player to the left doesn't have the card they say, "Go Fish" the first player picks up a card from the pile and it is the next players turn. Play continues until there are no cards left, then each player counts how many pairs they have and the one with the highest amount of pairs wins.

It is important that the children ask for the card that they need and not show the card that they have and ask for the one to pair with it.

The following cards can be printed (preferably onto coloured card) and cut up to play the game.

can	cane	Sam	same
hat	hate	cap	cape
tap	tape	at	ate
mat	mate	hat	hate

man	mane	tap	tape
pet	Pete	pip	pipe
rip	ripe	pin	pine
fin	fine	win	wine

spin	spine	bit	bite
spit	spite	rid	ride
slid	slide	slim	Slime
strip	stripe	quit	quite

cod	code	cop	cope
hop	hope	not	note
pop	Pope	rod	rode
rob	robe	slop	slope

cub	cube	tub	tube
cut	cute	plum	plume
us	use		