

# THE FLOATING PEANUT BUTTER PROBLEM

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Felix loved science experiments. He loved mixing things. He loved pouring things. Most of all, he loved making things fizz and bubble.

One morning, Felix was in his kitchen. He decided to make something amazing. He poured vinegar and baking soda into a bottle. Fizz! Pop! The mixture bubbled up to the top.

"What if I add something extra?" Felix wondered. He looked through the spice cabinet and grabbed a jar. Grandma's label said "SECRET MIX." He sprinkled some into his experiment.

The mixture fizzed again, and this time, it sparkled. "Wow! I made invisible ink!" Felix said. He smiled. This was his best experiment yet.

But then—oops! A gust of wind blew through the window. The bottle tipped over. SPLASH! Invisible ink spilled all over his peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Felix frowned. "Oh no." He held up his sandwich. It was dripping with ink. "It's still food," he said, wrapping it in his lunchbox. Felix ran out the door, excited to show his friends.

At lunchtime, Felix opened his lunchbox. "Time for my sandwich!" he said. But when he unwrapped it, the sandwich was gone!

Well, not completely gone. The peanut butter and jelly were still there, but the bread was invisible. It looked like floating blobs of jelly and peanut butter.

Felix picked it up and took a bite. "Yum!" he said. The peanut butter floated in the air as he chewed.

His best friend, Mia, stared. "GHOST FOOD!" Mia screamed. The other kids stopped eating and turned to look.

"How are you eating that?" asked Mia. Felix grinned. "I'm using super magician powers!"

Mia squinted at him. "It's floating!" she said. Felix nodded. "Pretty cool, huh?"

The room got noisy. Kids laughed, pointed, and whispered about Felix's floating food. Even the teacher, Ms. Brown, looked confused. Felix was enjoying the attention.

Back in the room the class hamster, Mr. Nibbles, escaped from his cage! "Oh no!" yelled Ms. Brown. "Someone catch him!"

Mr. Nibbles ran across the room. He stopped at Felix's desk. The hamster sniffed the air. Then he sniffed the sandwich crumbs.

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Nibble, nibble, nibble! Mr. Nibbles ate the invisible crumbs.

POOF! Mr. Nibbles disappeared!

Now only the little bell on his collar was floating. It jingled as the hamster ran across the floor.

Mia gasped. "AAAAH!" she yelled. "The hamster's haunted!"=

Ms. Brown clapped her hands. "Everyone, sit down!" she said. The class got quiet, but they kept staring at the floating bell.

"Felix," Ms. Brown said, crossing her arms. "What is going on?"

Felix gulped. "I, uh, kind of spilled invisible ink on my lunch," he said.

Ms. Brown raised her eyebrows. "Invisible ink?" she asked.

"And now the hamster is invisible!" said Mia. The class started giggling.

Ms. Brown sighed. "Felix," she said, "you need to fix this!"

Felix felt nervous, but he had an idea. "I need to make a cure!" he said.

He ran to the art shelf and grabbed food coloring. Then he went to the snack area and grabbed chocolate milk. Finally, he took some soap from the sink.

Felix mixed everything in a cup. The mixture looked bubbly and gross. "This has to work," he said.

Felix splashed the mixture on the floating bell. Nothing happened. He splashed again. Still nothing.

Just then, Mr. Gary, the janitor, walked in. "What's all this noise?" he asked.

"The hamster's invisible!" said Mia.

Felix held up the cup of bubbly stuff. "I'm trying to fix it, but it's not working," he said.

Mr. Gary chuckled. "Invisible, huh? I used to work in a magic shop," he said. "I might know what to do."

The kids watched as Mr. Gary mixed a new potion. It bubbled and popped with colorful foam. "Try this," he said, handing it to Felix.

Felix sprayed the potion on the floating bell.

POOF! Mr. Nibbles reappeared! He was holding a tiny piece of jelly in his paws.

The kids cheered. Felix laughed with relief.

Ms. Brown smiled, but she also shook her head. "Felix," she said, "next time, maybe keep your science experiments at home."

Felix nodded. "Okay, Ms. Brown," he said, "but this was kind of fun!"

The kids laughed. "I think Mr. Nibbles liked being invisible," said Mia.

"Maybe," Felix said, "but I'll stick to regular sandwiches from now on!"

The whole class laughed. Even Ms. Brown smiled.

And Felix decided that sometimes, mistakes make the best stories.