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# Hide and Peek

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# CHAPTER 1

It was nearly Christmas.  
Emma Jacks loved  
Christmas. She loved  
everything about it. She  
loved seeing all her family.

And she loved all the presents. She loved giving them and getting them!

Emma loved writing Christmas gift lists in her secret diary, too. She also loved wrapping presents so that people couldn't guess what they were.

Emma loved all the



secrets of Christmas. She was good at secrets. After all, she was also Agent EJ10 at **SHINE** Spy School.



One morning, close to Christmas, Emma leapt from the car and ran into school. She was excited. Her class was going to visit Christmas Town and the big Giving Tree in the city.

'Emma!'

'Over here!'

Emma ran over to her



two best friends, Hannah and Elle. They all jumped up and down. 'Christmas Town!' they cried.



Emma went to put her backpack away in her locker. Her spy watch beeped.

*Oh, no!* she thought.

*Spy School!*

Emma loved Spy School but she didn't want to miss Christmas Town!



But Emma knew she had to report to **SHINE**. She went to the girls' toilets. Then she took the mission tube to **SHINE HQ**.

The mission tube stopped outside the **SHINE** Code Room.

There was a screen next to the door.



EJ heard a voice. 'Get ready for Agent ID Test,' it said. 'Please look at screen.'

EJ looked at the screen. She tried not to blink.



**BEEP!**

'Eye check okay,' said the voice. 'Enter Agent EJ10.'

The door opened. Emma went in to the Code Room. There was a laptop on a table. Emma sat down and read the message on its screen.



CODE for Agent EJ10

Find the word.  
Key the word into  
the laptop.

My first letter is in **man**  
but not in **can**.

My second letter is in **tan**  
but not in **ten**.

My third is in **sat** but not  
in **cat**.

My last is in **kit** but not  
in **sit**.

# CHAPTER

## 2

EJ knew the message  
was a code with a  
hidden word. EJ had to  
find the word. She looked  
closely at the first line.