

## **SPELLING**

There are some words that are difficult to remember how to spell.

### **Plurals**

For example, changing a word from singular to plural can be confusing.

There are words that do not follow any specific rules when changing from singular to plural. These are called irregular plurals:

#### Examples:

More than one mouse = mice More than one man = men More than one person = people More than one child = children More than one goose = geese

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Sometimes you have to change certain letters when changing a word from singular to plural:

Changing f to v Examples:

More than one shelf = shel<u>ves</u> (change the f to v and add es) Moe than one life = li<u>ves</u> (change the f to v and add es)

Changing y to i Examples:

More than one baby = bab<u>ies</u> (change the y to *i* and add *es*) More than one lady = lad<u>ies</u> (change the y to *i* and add *es*)

Sometimes you just have to add es when changing a word from singular to plural:

Examples:

More than one bus= bus<u>es</u>
More than one dish = dish<u>es</u>



And sometimes you only have to add an s when changing a word from singular to plural:

Examples:

More than one dog = dogsMore than one car = cars

Learning how to write a possessive noun can be tricky as well:

### **Possessive Nouns**

Possessive nouns are words that show ownership. There are some rules to follow when changing a noun into possessive noun:

To make a singular noun possessive, you have to add an apostrophe + s ('s).

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If a plural noun DOES end in s, you only have to add an apostrophe to the noun to make it possessive.

dogs' collars: The collars belong to the dogs.

If a proper noun ends in -s, you only have to add an apostrophe to the noun to make it possessive.

Smiths' backyard: The backyard belongs to the Smith family. Chris' backpack: The backpack belongs to Chris.



## What is a HOMOPHONE?

A homophone is a word that has the same pronunciation as another word, but means something different.

## Homophone Examples:

to, too, two

there, their, they're

bear, bare

pear, pair

scent, cent, sent



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