



Unusual plurals

Nouns ending with ch, sh, s, ss and x: add 'es'

– church(es), ash(es), circus(es), box(es)

Words that end with a consonant then a 'y': drop the 'y' and add 'ies'

– lady/ ladies

...end with a consonant then an 'o': add 'es' – potato/ potatoes, tomato/ tomatoes

...end in 'f' or 'fe': drop the 'f' / 'fe' and add 'ves' – half/ halves, shelf/ shelves

Spelling

Accuracy

Try to:

- ✓ Sound out the word
- ✓ Break it into syllables
- ✓ Think about spelling rules
- ✓ Find the word in a list:
 - Key words list
 - Spelling pages in your Homework Diary
 - Your class word-bank
- ✓ Look it up in a dictionary/ spellchecker

Learn it

- ✓ Look, cover, write, check
- ✓ Make a spelling word-bank
- ✓ Get a parent or partner in class to test you

Common words that sound the same

there, their, they're

There (indicates place or presence)

*I would like to go **there**.*

Their (belonging to them)

*Here are **their** coats.*

They're (short for they are)

***They're** going home.*

no and know

No (none, opposite of yes)

*There are **no** sweets left.*

Know (verb – have knowledge)

*I **know** the answer.*

where, were, wear

Where (indicates place)

***Where** is the canteen?*

Were (past tense of 'to be')

*They **were** in town last week.*

Wear (as in clothes)

*I'll **wear** this top tomorrow.*

your and you're

Your (belonging to you)

*This is **your** coat.*

You're (short for you are)

***You're** going to be late.*

to, too and two

To (in the direction of)

*I am going **to** Glasgow.*

To (before a verb)

*I want **to** go there.*

Too (very)

*It's **too** cold in the winter.*

Two (number)

*You need to take **two** buses.*

whole and hole

Whole (all of it)

*I am going to eat the **whole** cake.*

Hole (a gap, a hollow piece)

*There's a **hole** in the fence.*

Spelling rules

- ✓ 'i' before 'e' except after 'c' when the sound is 'ee'

relieve receive
believe deceive

Suffixes are added to the ends of words to create new ones

- ✓ **Words that end in silent 'e':** drop the 'e' before adding the suffix

write: writing, invite: inviting

- ✓ **Words that end in a consonant:** double the consonant before adding the suffix

spin: spinning, brag: bragging

- ✓ **Words that end in 'y':** change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding the suffix

beauty: beautiful, plenty: plentiful