

Literacy Moment: Week Beginning 17/10/16



Just a reminder from last week...

WE NEVER USE APOSTROPHES FOR PLURALS!

e.g. I had five apple's.

This is wrong! This means either:

I had five apples is.

Or

I had five apple's (worth).

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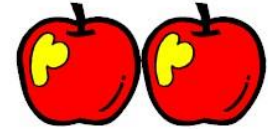
1. What do you know about **plurals**?
2. Are there any rules of plurals that you are aware of?

PLURAL RULE ONE

Most words add 's' to make the plural



one apple



two apples

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|------|---|-------|---------|---|----------|
| desk | → | desks | teacher | → | teachers |
| name | → | names | park | → | parks |
| town | → | towns | month | → | months |
| card | → | cards | truck | → | trucks |

Try these ...

| | | | |
|--------|---|-------|---|
| pencil | → | cup | → |
| book | → | pad | → |
| tree | → | plant | → |

Remember, we DO NOT (don't) use apostrophes for plurals!

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A plural form of a noun is used when **there is more than one of the original object.**

e.g. It rained for days!

Where is the **noun** in this sentence?

Where is the **plural**?

The noun is 'day', and the plural form is 'days' because there is more than one!



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Now you know what a plural is, can you find the plural form of these words? (Note: they're not always just an 's', and you may use a **dictionary** to help you.

Mushroom

Brush

Sheep

Cactus (Challenge!)

Formula (Challenge!)

Book

Cherry

Berry

Parent



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| Singular | Plural |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Mushroom | Mushrooms |
| Brush | Brushes |
| Sheep | Sheep |
| Cactus | Cacti |
| Formula | Formulae |
| Book | Books |
| Cherry | Cherries |
| Berry | Berries |
| Parent | Parents |

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Task (two minutes):

Write four sentences. Use a variety of plurals to practice getting them right!

Challenge: Can you write a **paragraph (or two)** which uses all of the techniques we have studied during this half term?

Really try to check your work for accuracy.
Good accuracy earns so many marks in your exams!

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Task (two more minutes):

1. Swap your work with a partner.
2. Check their work...can you identify any errors?
3. Correct them for them and discuss where they made an error.
4. Help others if you're both right! Share your knowledge!



Key Words from Today's Session...

Plural: The form of nouns indicating more than one. i.e:
one apple, two apples.

Noun: The name of something.

Proper noun: A noun which requires a capital letter (e.g. names of people, places, etc.)

Apostrophe: A punctuation mark used to indicate possession or omission of letters.

Possession: Meaning 'to belong' to someone or something.

Omission: The missing out ('to omit') of something (in this case, a letter or letters).

Contraction: The act of getting smaller (hence missing out letters).