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WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU?

RESPECT!

People respect you when you speak correctly.

COMMUNICATION!

People understand you when you speak correctly. It is easier to get what you need when people understand you.



Writing is important too. People respect you when you write correctly.

How can you become a better speaker and writer? By reading more!

This class is set up to help you read, write, and speak better. This will help you get more of what you want in life.

The Game: Put a check if reading, writing, and speaking correctly help you do these things:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> get a job | <input type="checkbox"/> make a doctor's appointment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> write a letter | <input type="checkbox"/> fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ride a bus | <input type="checkbox"/> eat a hamburger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> read a map | <input type="checkbox"/> write a song |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cut your toenails | <input type="checkbox"/> dig a hole |

TRICKY SILENT LETTERS

Break It Down: You do not hear silent letters when you say the word, but they are there when you write the word. They are oddballs!



Here are some examples of words with tricky silent letters.

Silent B	thumb, lamb, crumb, climb, bomb, comb, debt
Silent D	edge, hedge, Wednesday, handsome, badge
Silent G	gnarl, gnome, sign, design, foreigner
Silent H	ghost, honest, hour
Silent K	knife, knee, knot, knitting, know, knob, knock, knight
Silent L	yolk, calf, talk, chalk, walk, folk
Silent N	autumn, hymn
Silent P	psychology, pneumonia
Silent T	witch, castle, butcher, listen, scratch, match, watch, Christmas
Silent U	guest, guitar, guard, building, tongue, biscuit
Silent W	wrestle, wriggle, whole, two, wrong, wrap, write, wreck, sword

The Game: Read the clue. Find the word in this list below.

lamb witch Wednesday Christmas knife

1. It is a day of the week. _____
2. It is a mean woman in a fairy tale. _____
3. This is a baby sheep. _____
4. This is used for cutting. _____
5. It is a holiday. _____

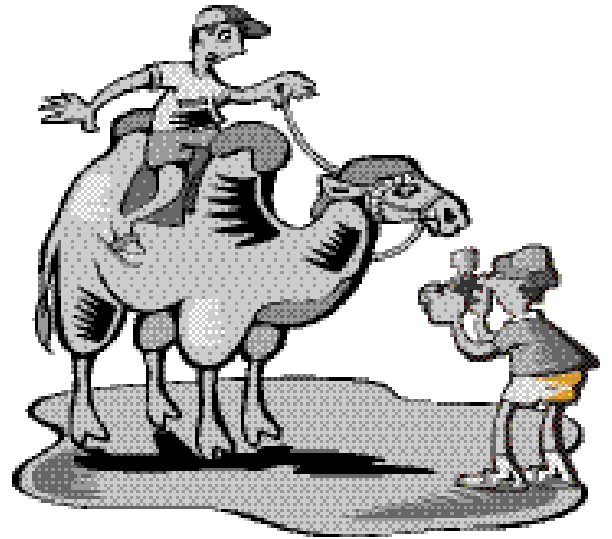
THE THING IS . . .

Break It Down: A noun is a person, place, or thing.

Helpful hint: Sometimes you can take a picture of a noun.

Examples of nouns in this picture:

- camel
- humps
- dirt
- ears
- Max, the photographer



The Game: Look at the picture. List ten more nouns in the picture.

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |



What are nouns?

TELL ABOUT YOURSELF

Break It Down: I am + a **verb** that ends with **-ing**

tells what I am doing at this moment.

Examples:

- I am looking.
- I am batting.
- I am eating.
- I am running.



The Game: Write five "I am" sentences using these verbs:

shopping sleeping snoring singing stretching

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The Game: Write five "I'm" sentences using these verbs:

dancing yawning working biking driving

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

*Score yourself! Give yourself one point if you capitalized the **I**. Score one point if you put a period at the end of the sentence. What is your score? _____*

SPELL THEM

Break It Down: Look carefully at homonyms to spell them correctly.

Homonyms

no – denial; refusal

know – to understand; to be familiar with a person or place

not – at no time or no way

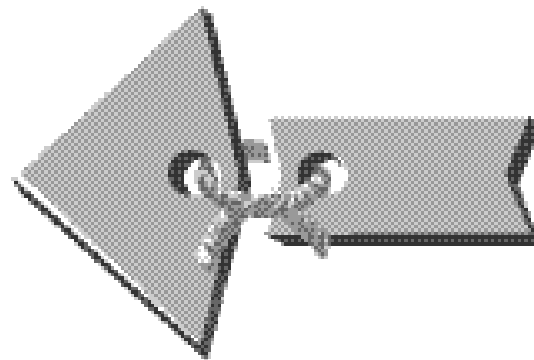
knot – a place in a string or rope where it passes through a loop and is pulled tight; a tangle of threads, strings, or hair

poll – a place where people vote; getting people's ideas

pole – one of the two opposite ends of the Earth or a battery; a long, cylindrical piece of wood or other material

sale – selling or being sold; selling things at low prices

sail – a piece of cloth attached to beams on a ship to use the wind to move the ship; to travel by ship; to glide in the air



The Game: Fill in the blanks with the homonyms below.

no know not knot poll pole sale sail

1. The store has a big _____ on tennis shoes.
2. My shoestring has a _____ in it.
3. That is _____ the color I want!
4. I don't _____ who won the game.
5. Did you vote Yes or _____?
6. The voting _____ is at the library.
7. I want to _____ on a ship.
8. Korbin climbed the telephone _____.