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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.



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

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

lamb    witch    Wednesday    Christmas    knife

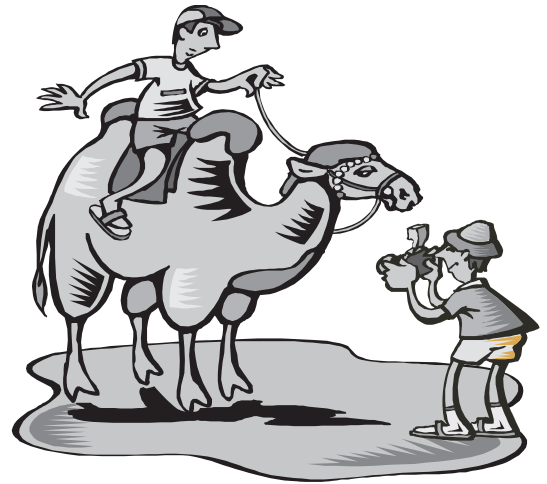
1. It is a day of the week. \_\_\_\_\_
2. It is a mean woman in a fairy tale. \_\_\_\_\_
3. This is a baby sheep. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This is used for cutting. \_\_\_\_\_
5. It is a holiday. \_\_\_\_\_

# 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?*

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# 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 and one point if you put a period at the end of each 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

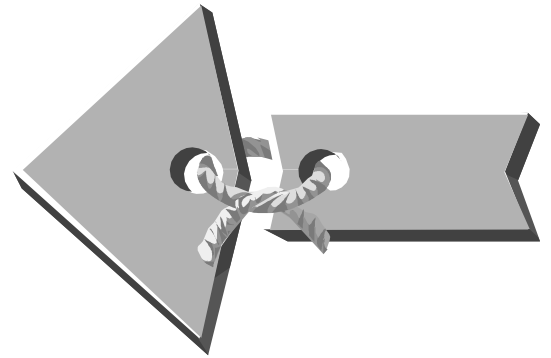
**knot** – a place in a string or rope where it passes through a loop and is pulled tight; a tangle of threads, strings, or hair

**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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.