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***Lesson 01 : Syllables***

1. ***Syllables :***
2. ***What is a syllable ?***

*Notice that we say a vowel sound, not just a vowel by itself. A vowel sound contains whichever consonants ( and other vowels) are attached to a vowel to make a certain, distinct sound.*

*Example : the word blanket has two syllables : blan / ket*

1. ***How do you count syllables ?***

T*here are different ways to figure out how many syllables a word has. Some of these techniques will come naturally to you, and others may not be as comfortable.*

*\*****Written Method :*** *if you are more of a visual learner, the written method might be for you. First, count all of the vowels in the word.*

***Example :*** *The word* ***universe***

* *First, count the vowels: u, i, e, and e. There are 4.*
* *The e at the end is silent, so subtract one. Now there are 3.*

***Lesson 02 : Silent Letters***

*In English, there are letters that we write but we do not pronounce in some words. Most of these letters are consonants which may appear at the beginning, the middle and at the end of the word. So, a silent letter is a letter that is usually left unpronounced, such as the b in subtle, the c in scissors, the g in design, and the t in listen.*

\**The following letters are silent letters: B, C, D, G, H, K, L, N, P, R, T, and W.*

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| ***The Silent Letter*** | ***Rule*** | ***Examples*** |
| ***B*** | *After “m”*  *Before “t”* | *Lamb, Tomb, Climb*  *Doubt, Debt, Subtle* |
| ***C*** | *After “s”*  *Before “k”, “h”* | *Science, Scene*  *Back ground, Yack* |
| ***D*** | *Before “n”* | *Wednesday* |
| ***G*** | *Before ”n”*  *Before “h”*  *Final ”g”*  *“ing” form* | *Design, sign, foreign*  *(Except: ignorance, signature)*  *Night, Right, Bought, Caught.*  *Song, Sing, Along, Ring*  *Reading, Working* |
| ***H*** | *With “Wh” before a, e, I, y*  *“h” is a silent letter in*  *the following words:* | *What, While, Why, Whisper, Whale.*  *(Except: Who, How)*  *Heir, Honesty, Honor, Hour* |
| ***K*** | *Before “n”* | *Knee, Knock, Know,* |
| ***L*** | *Between “a” and “f”, “k”, “m”*  *After “ou”* | *Half, Chalk , Calm*  *Should, Could, Would* |
| ***N*** | *After “m”* | *Autumn, Column* |
| ***P*** | *Initial followed by “s”, “n”*  *In the following words:* | *Psychology, Pneumonia*  *Corps, Cupboard* |
| ***R*** | *Final “r”*  *Before all consonants*  *Between a vowel and a consonant* | *Brother, Weather*  *Firm*  *Corner, Part* |
| ***T*** | *In the words ending in :*  *“stle/ stent/ stm”* | *Castle, Whistle, Listen* |
| ***W*** | *Initial “w” followed by “h*  *” Initial “wr”*  *In the following words:* | *Who, Whose, Whom*  *Write, Wrong, Wrote*  *Two, Answer* |

***Lesson 03 : Plurality***

*A plural noun is a noun that refers to more than one person, place, thing, or idea. Most singular nouns are made plural by adding a suffix, usually –s or –es. For example, the singular noun dog takes the plural form dogs, as in three dogs. However, there are irregular plural nouns that take unique forms.*

*Most singular*[*nouns*](https://www.grammarly.com/blog/nouns/)*are made plural by simply putting an –s at the end. There are many different rules regarding pluralization depending on what letter a noun ends in. Irregular nouns do not follow plural noun rules, so they must be memorized or looked up in the dictionary.*

***Plural noun rules :***

*There are many plural noun rules, and because we use nouns so frequently when writing, it’s important to know all of them! The correct*[*spelling of plurals*](https://www.grammarly.com/blog/spelling-plurals-with-s-es/)*usually depends on what letter the singular noun ends in.*

1. *To make regular nouns plural, add –s to the end.* **cat – cats / house – houses.**
2. *If the singular noun ends in –s, –ss, –sh, –ch, –x, or –z, you usually add -es to the end to make it plural.* **tax – taxes / lunch – lunches / truss – trusses.**
3. *In some cases, singular nouns ending in –s or –z require that you double the –s or –z prior to adding the –es for pluralization.* **bus – busses / fez – fezzes***.*
4. *For most nouns that end with –f or –ef, you add an –s to form the plural version. Be aware of exceptions, however. For some nouns ending this way, you must change the –f or –ef to –*ve*before adding the –s.* **roof – roofs / belief – beliefs.**

***Exceptions :*** wife – wives / wolf – wolves.

1. *If a singular noun ends in –y and the letter before the –y is a consonant, you usually change the ending to –ies to make the noun plural.* ***city* – *cities / puppy*– *puppies.***
2. *If the singular noun ends in –y and the letter before the –y is a vowel, simply add an –s to make it plural.* ***ray – rays.***
3. *If the singular noun ends in –o, you usually add –es to make it plural.* ***potato – potatoes.***
4. If the singular noun ends in –us, the plural ending is frequently –i. cactus – cacti.
5. If the singular noun ends in –is, the plural ending is –es. ***analysis* – *analyses.***
6. *If the singular noun ends in –on, the plural ending is usually –a.* ***phenomenon* – *phenomena.***
7. *Some nouns don’t change at all when they’re pluralized.* ***sheep – sheep.***

**Plural noun rules for irregular nouns:**

*Irregular nouns follow no specific rules, so it’s best to memorize these or look up the proper pluralization in the dictionary.*

***child – children / woman – women / mouse – mice / person – people.***

***Athletics :*** *Relay, Track, Lane, Photo Finish, Hurdles, Shot Put, Discuss Throw, Hammer Throw, High Jump, Triple Jump Cross Country, etc.*

***Basketball :*** *Free throw, Common foul, Underhead, Technical foul,  Overhead, etc.*

***Boxing :*** *Knock out, Ring Stoppage, Punch, Round, Upper-cut, Kidney punch, Timing, Footwork, Accidental Butt, Bleeder, Bolo Punch, Bout, Brawler, Break, Buckle, Canvas, Card, Caught Cold, Clinch, Corkscrew Punch, Cornerman, Counterpunch, Cross, Cutman, Dive, Eight Count, Glass Jaw, Haymaker, Liver Shot, Low Blow, Mauler, Neutral Corner, Plodder, Ring Generalship, Roughhousing, Southpaw, Spar, Stablemate, Technical Knockout, Walkout Bout, Whiskers etc.*

***Football :*** *Kick, Goal, Head, Penalty kick, Dribble, Offside, Move, Hattrick, Foul, Left out, Right out, Stopper, Defender, Side back, Pass, Baseline, Rebound, Comer back, etc.*

***Gymnastics :*** *Parallel bar, Horizontal bar, Push up, Floor exercise, Uneven bar, Sit up. etc.*

***Swimming :*** *Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly stroke, Lane, Pool, Crawl, etc.*