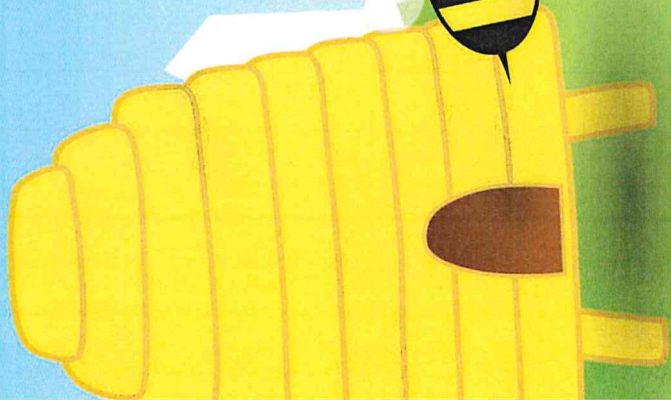
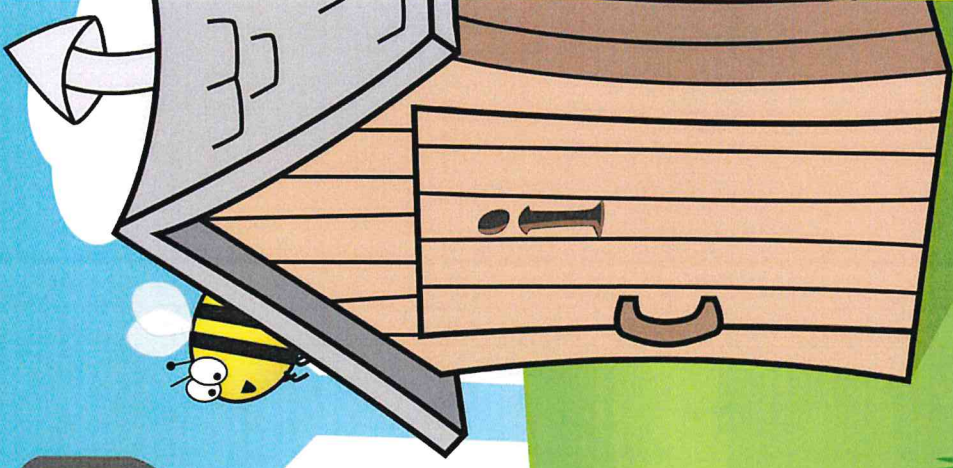


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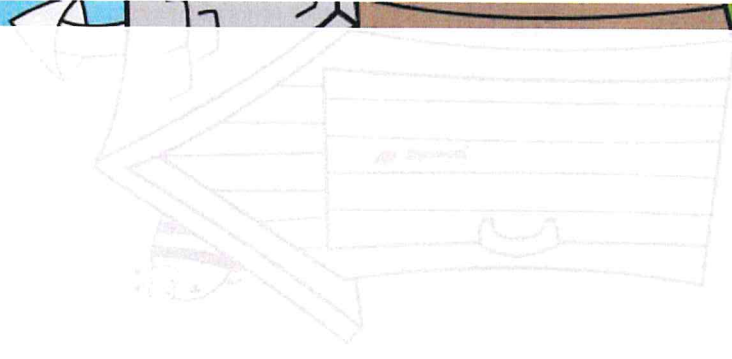
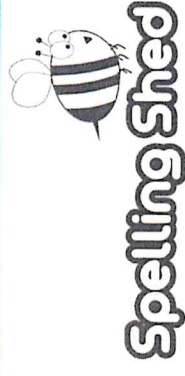


This pack contains a set of activities and games which can be used throughout the year groups during the 'Challenge Week' lists. These activities can be used with spellings in any stage.

Each activity comes with an instruction page for children and teacher's notes where necessary. This can be shared on the board for the children to read rather than printed.

To conserve ink and reduce costs the resources will work effectively in black and white.

1. Battleships
2. Alphabetical Order
3. Define it!
4. The Spelling Web
5. The Synonym Shed
6. Scrabble
7. Memory Challenge
8. Spelling Search
9. Cross Words



Battleships



Place your spelling words on your 'Battleship Grid.'. You can write them in any direction – horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

Take turns to call out a coordinate by calling out a letter and a number.

If your partner calls out a coordinate and there is a letter there mark it with an 'X'.

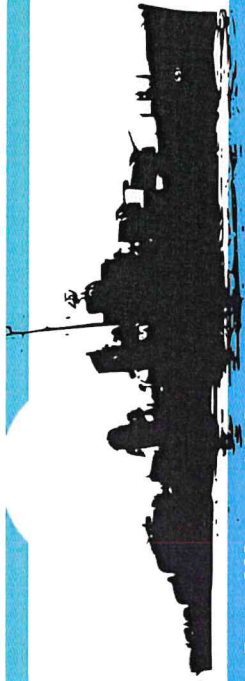
If someone scores a hit then they can continue to call out letters until they miss.

The winner is the first to sink all of their words.

Teacher Note:

You may want some children to add fewer words to their grid if time is tight during the lesson.

Extension: If a player scores a hit their partner reveals what the letter is. They not down the letters and try to unscramble the hit letters.



Battleships



My Spelling Ships

12
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

a b c d e f g h i j k

My Partner's Spelling Ships

12
11
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1

a b c d e f g h i j k

Alphabetical Order



Place your spelling words in order alphabetically.

If you have more than one word starting with the same letter then you need to look at the next letter.

'apple' comes before 'cucumber' because a comes before c.

'apple' comes after 'alphabet' because the 2nd letter p comes after the second letter l

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Alphabetical Order

Copy your spelling words into the grid on the left.

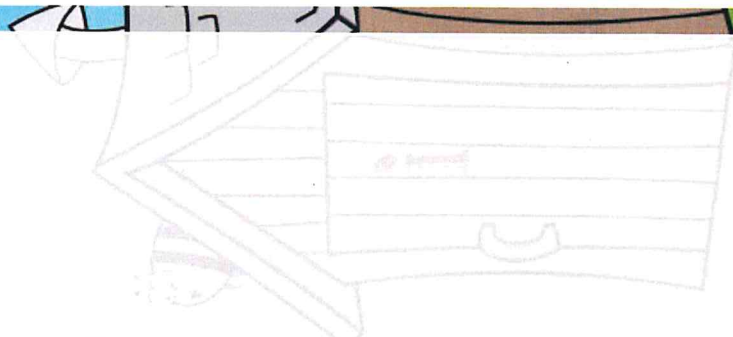
Rewrite the spellings into the grid on the right in alphabetical order.



My Spellings

Alphabetical Order

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z



Define it!



1. Find your word in the dictionary and read its definition.
2. Use the dictionary to create a definition in your own words.

Teacher Note: Online dictionaries are available. We recommend the COBUILD dictionary which is available here: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/>

Define it!



Spelling Word	Definition

Spelling Word	Definition

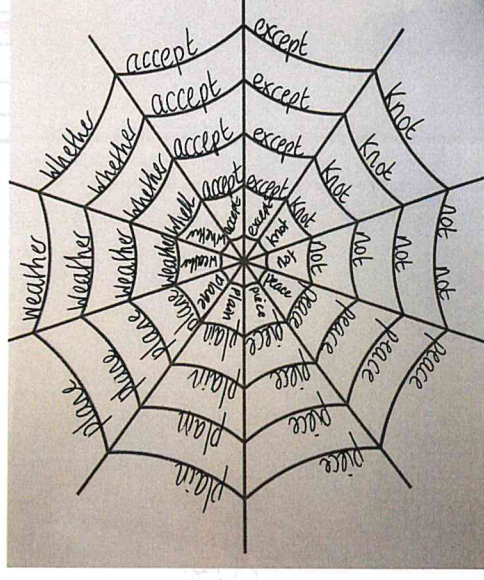
The Spelling Web



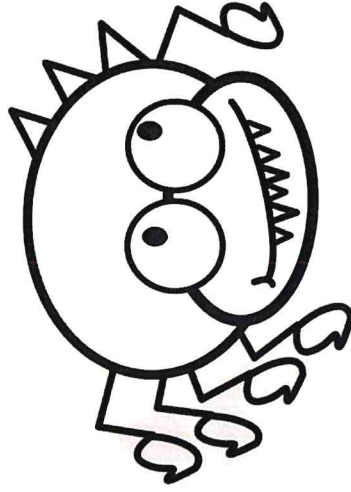
Can you help this spelling spider and fill his web with tasty spelling words.

Copy each of your spellings into the web 5 times or more.

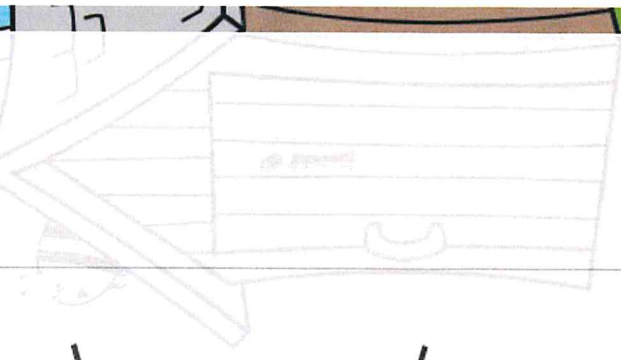
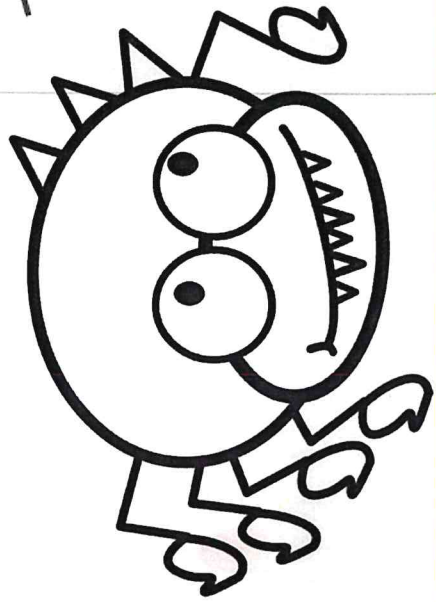
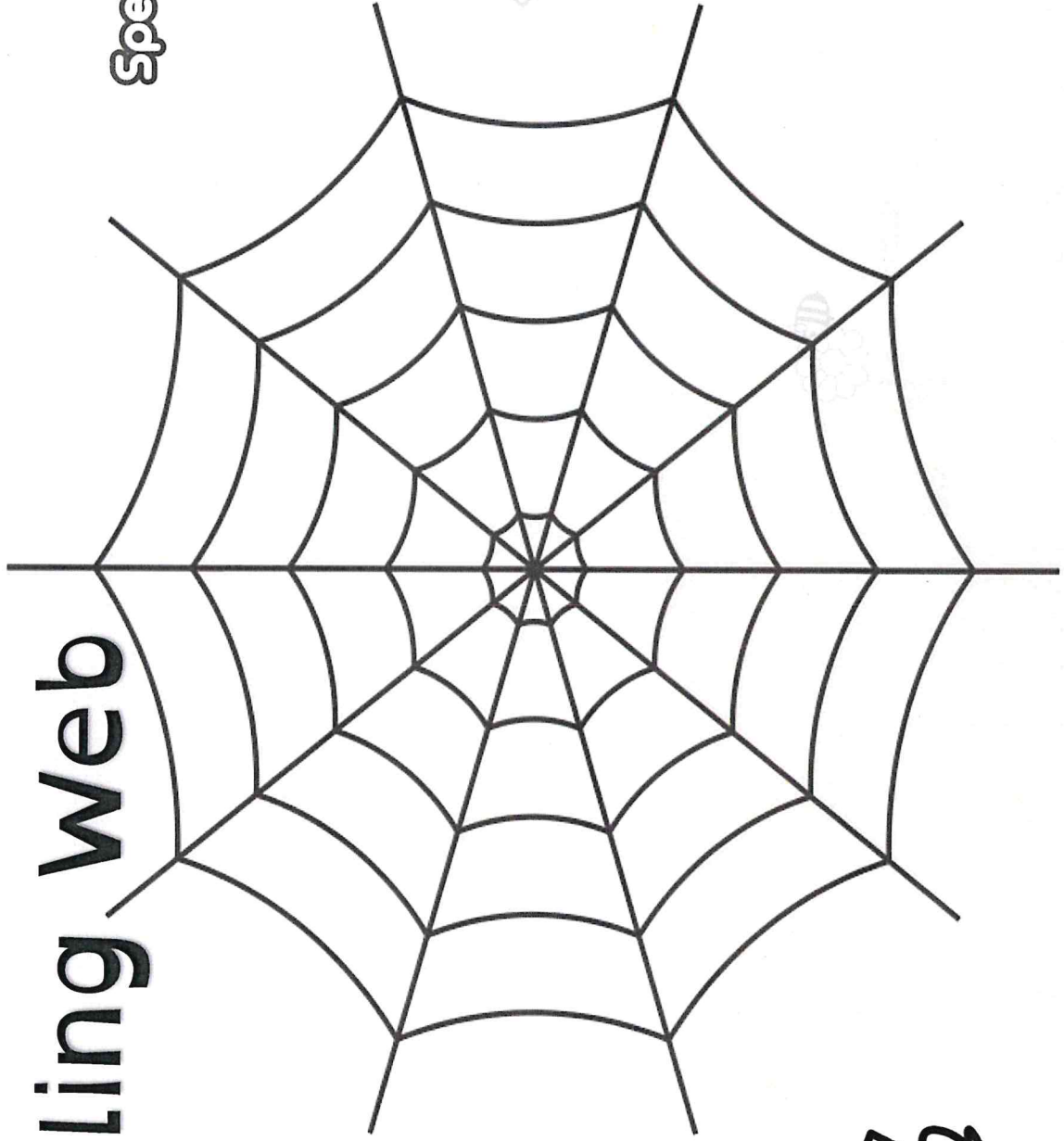
You may want to use coloured pencils to make your web stand out.



Ask a partner to check your spellings for you.



The Spelling Web

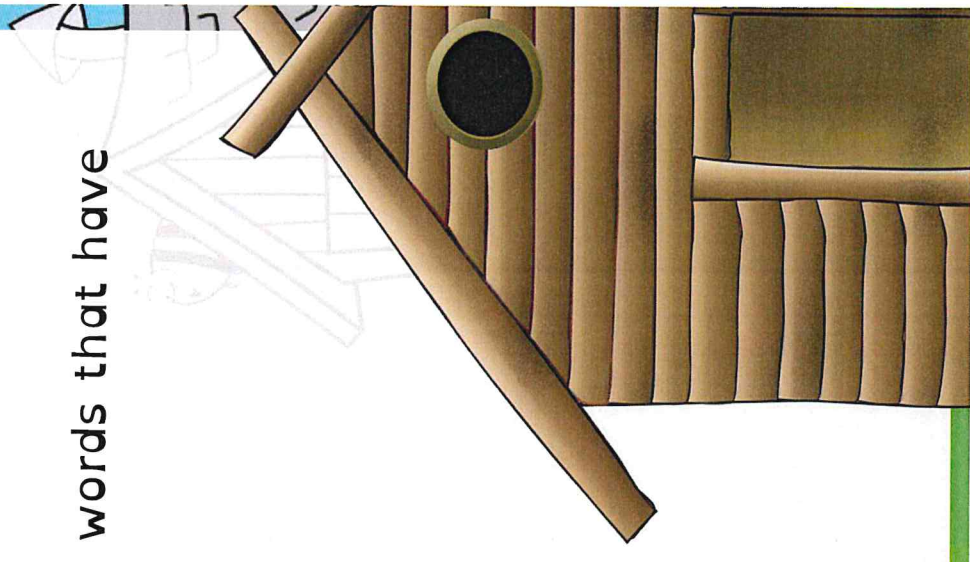
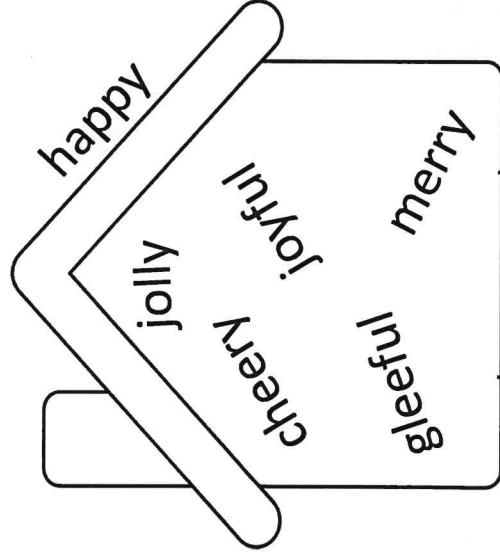


The Synonym Shed

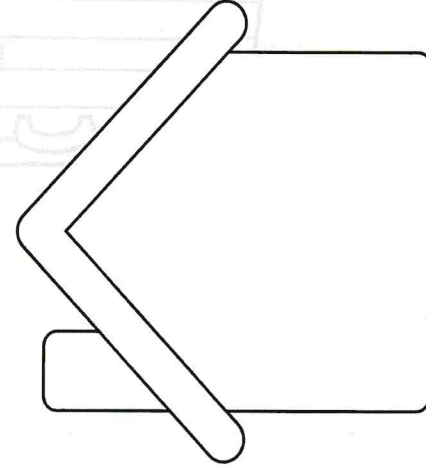
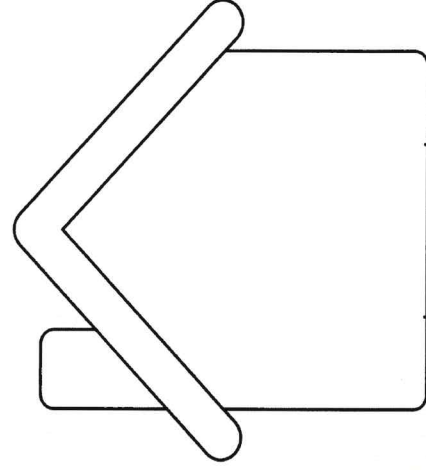
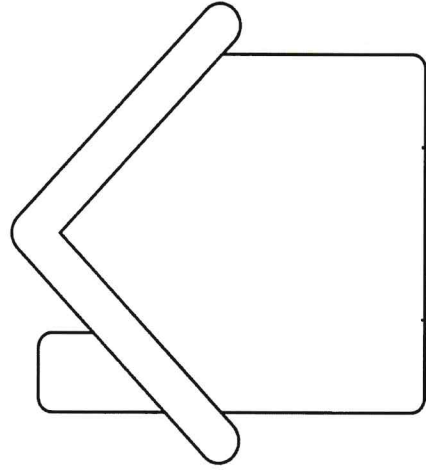
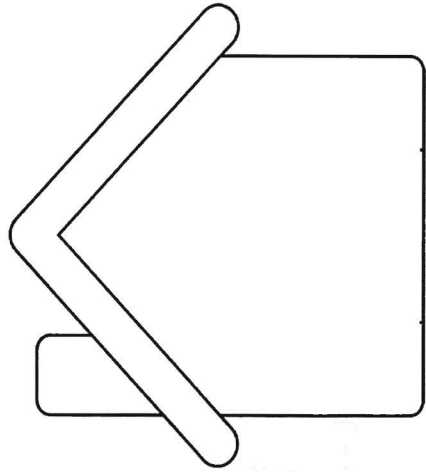
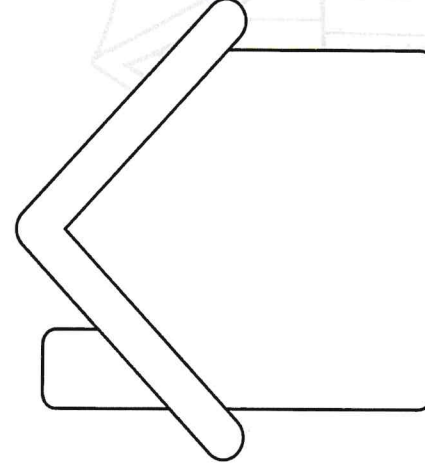
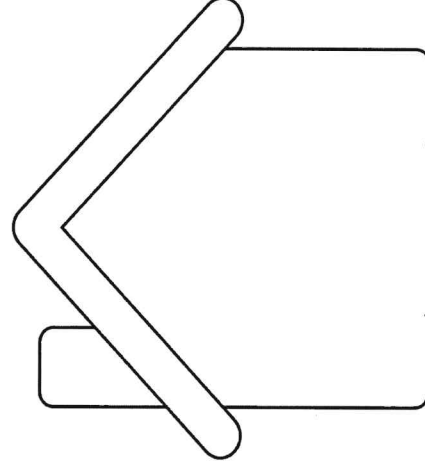
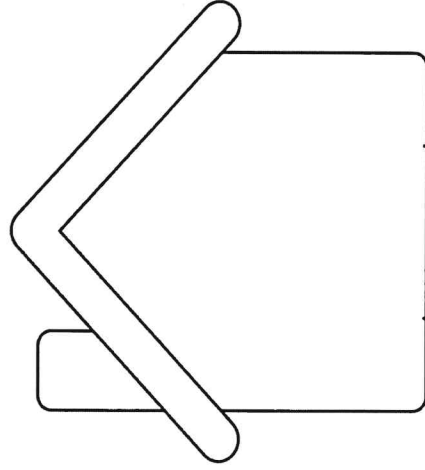
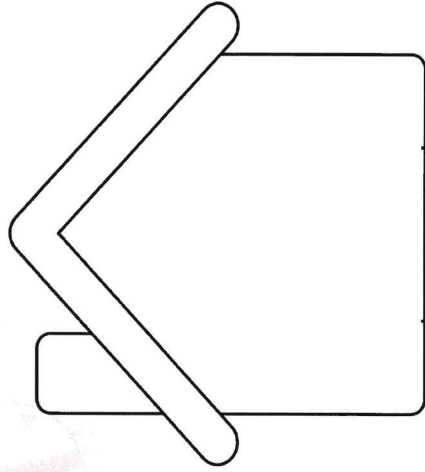


Welcome to The Synonym Shack here we like to find different words that have the same meaning.

Put your spelling words on the shack roof and fill it with words that mean the same.



The Synonym Shed



Scrabble



In the game of 'Scrabble' letters are given a score.
You can see the scores on the tiles below. A is worth 1 and B is worth 3...

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₄	I ₁	J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃
N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁	S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀

The word bank is worth B – 3 points, A – 1 point, N – 1 point and K – 5 Points so 10 points.

Can you find the score for each of your words?

Challenge questions

Can you find a word which scores more than 20?

Can you find a word which scores more than 50 or 100?

Can you add a suffix or prefix to one of your spelling words to make them score higher?



Scrabble

A ₁	B ₃	C ₃	D ₂	E ₁	F ₄	G ₂	H ₂	I ₁	J ₈	K ₅	L ₁	M ₃
N ₁	O ₁	P ₃	Q ₁₀	R ₁	S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	V ₄	W ₄	X ₈	Y ₄	Z ₁₀

Spelling Word	Scrabble Score

Spelling Word	Scrabble Scorer

Memory Challenge



In this game you will play against a partner.

Copy 5 – 10 of your spellings onto a whiteboard.

Allow your partner 30 seconds to study your spellings.

After 30 seconds, secretly rub out one of the spellings, can your partner identify which word is missing?

If they guess it right then they receive a point. If they guess incorrectly then you get a point.

Take turns of writing down the spellings.

Memory Challenge



Teacher Notes

A variation on this game would be for one child to write down 5-8 spellings. In this case, add a word and their partner guesses which word has been added.

They could scramble the letters of one of the words and their partner guesses what the word is.

Children could rub out single letters in one of their words and their partners have to say which letters have been missed out.

Spelling Search



Create a word search of this week's spellings and challenge one of your friends to solve them.

Can you find where their words are hidden before they find yours?

Step 1. Add the words to the grid. You can add them in any direction – vertically, horizontally, diagonally and even backwards.

Step 2: Add in letters at random to fill in the grid.

Tip: Using letters that are used in the spelling words makes finding the real words more difficult.

SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS

Making plural nouns

Nouns are either **singular** (only one) or **plural** (more than one). You can turn many singular nouns into plural nouns by adding **-s** or **-es**.

★ These are some exceptions. Keep a list of any others that you find.



tent
tents



cow
cows



dish
dishes



leaf
leaves



goose
geese



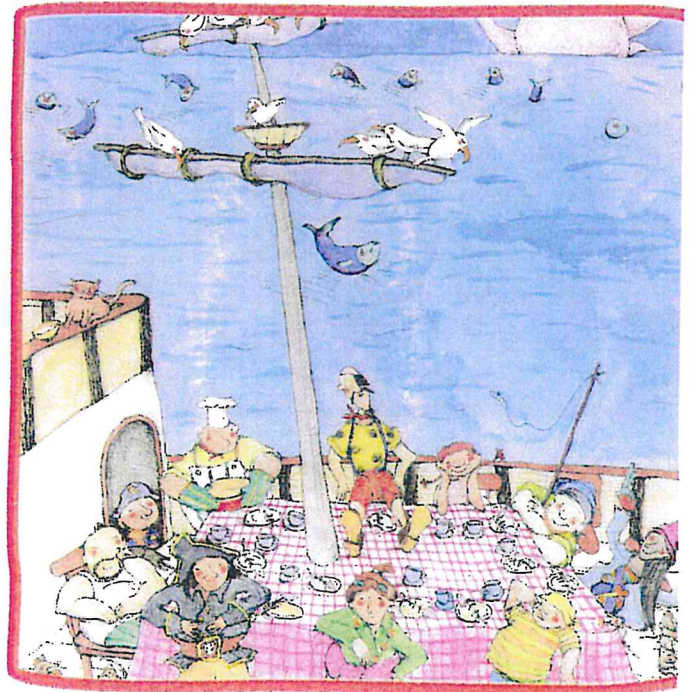
man
men

Hunt for plural nouns



List all the plural nouns you can find in the writing below.

As the sun set, the pirates slumped contentedly in their chairs. Their cups were empty, their plates were bare and their tummies were full. The mice feasted on the leftovers, while the gulls hungrily eyed the fishbones. Everyone was feeling sleepy, especially the two children. Cook started clearing the dishes. The only sound was the gentle plop of the fish, dipping and diving in the sea.

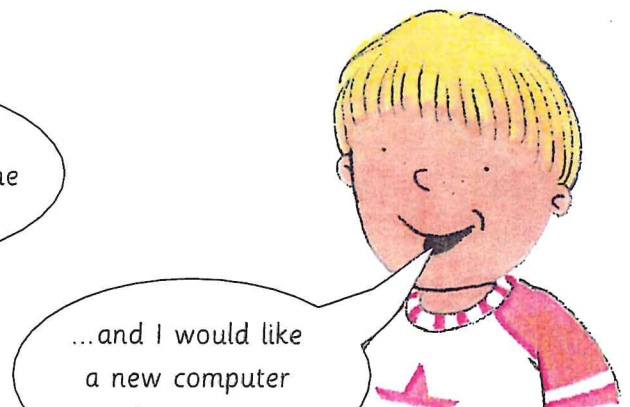


A wish list

Take turns with a friend to make a wish list using both singular and plural nouns, like this:



I would like a chocolate cake, two kittens and some football boots...



...and I would like a new computer

Collective nouns

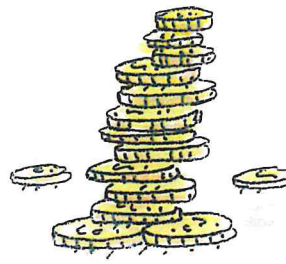
Collective nouns describe a group of things.



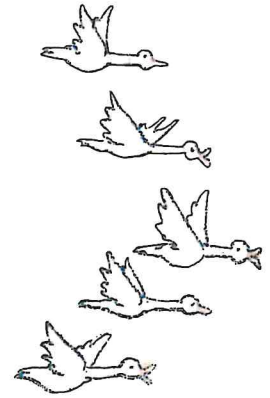
a **queue** of people



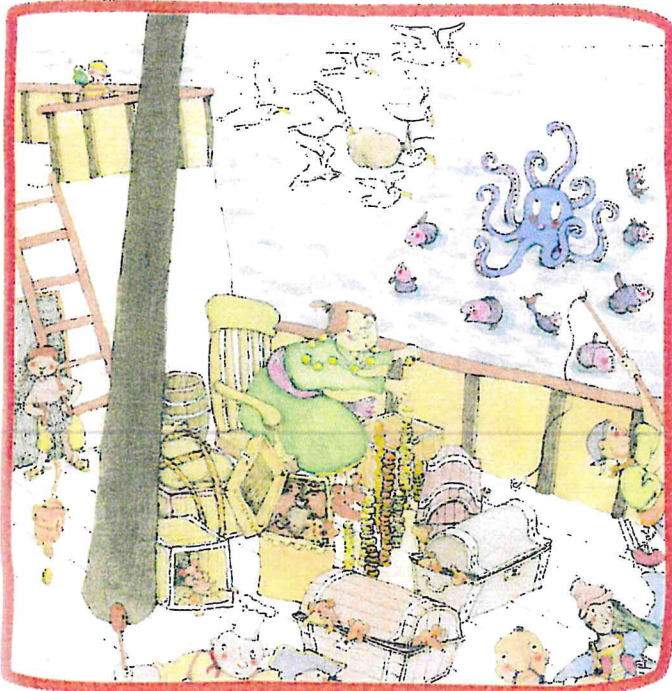
a **bunch** of herbs



a **pile** of coins



a **flock** of birds



Hunt for collective nouns



List all the collective nouns in this piece of writing.

It was payday. The crew waited patiently as Jenny counted out a stack of coins for each of them. A plague of mice squirmed in and out of her chests of treasure.

Meanwhile, Alfie spotted a passing school of fish and tried to catch some for dinner.

A flock of seagulls flew overhead. Lookout Louis shouted, "Help! Those birds have taken our sack of rice."

What a lot!

Find or invent some collective nouns to replace the word **lot** in these sentences. Use the picture to help you.

The market was very busy. The vegetable stall displayed **lots** of carrots, **lots** of potatoes and a **lot** of tomatoes. The fruit stall was piled high with **lots** of grapes and bananas, **lots** of plums, **lots** of apples and **lots** of oranges. The toy stall was crammed with a **lot** of toys and games, including **lots** of balls, **lots** of beads and a **lot** of teddy bears.



Useful collective nouns

bunch	bundle	sack	selection
set	stack	mound	row
clutch	heap	pack	pile
string	handful	box	basket

Fossils

Fossils are shapes of dead animals and plants that lived millions of years ago made in rock. Usually when something dies it is eaten or decays and disappears. However, when an animal or plant dies and gets covered over, it can stay there and over time, become a fossil.

Dinosaurs

Fossils are really important in understanding what has happened a long time ago. Without them we would not even know that dinosaurs existed! People who study fossils are called palaeontologists and these are the people who have found out what we now know about dinosaurs. However, this only started 200 years ago, so we've only known about dinosaurs for 200 years!



Did you know?

- 'Sue' is the nickname given to the most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex specimen ever found.
- The word 'fossil' comes from an old word 'fossilis', meaning 'dug up'.
- Fossils are only found in sedimentary rock.
- The fossils in the pictures are called ammonites. It is the town symbol for Whitby in North Yorkshire. Whitby is good for fossil hunting and long ago, people thought that the ammonites were snakes turned to stone by St. Hilda!

How a Fossil is Made

When some plants or animals die, their body sinks into mud or is buried by sand. This often happens at the bottom of the sea and stops it from rotting or being eaten by other animals. Whilst it is underground, water and minerals seep into the bones and where the bones and body used to be, to make a hard shape. This is squashed under more layers of sand, mud and eventually rock over many, many millions of years.

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Questions About Fossils

1. What does a palaeontologist study?

2. What is the nickname of the best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton?

3. What sort of rock are fossils found in?

4. Which town has an ammonite fossil as their symbol?

5. Why have we only got fossils to find out about dinosaurs?

6. What does the Latin word 'fossilis' mean?

7. How come the fossilised animals or plants haven't been eaten by other animals?

8. Why did the author use an exclamation mark at the end of the Fossil Facts section?

9. Why aren't there any fossils of cats that lived twenty years ago?

10. Do you think the ammonites in the pictures look like snakes? Why?
