

ADVENTURES IN SPELLING



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Level 3

irregular
plurals



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SPELLING WORDS

loaf	loaves	goose	geese
calf	calves	wife	wives
half	halves	deer	deer
shelf	shelves	foot	feet
man	men	mouse	mice
woman	women	child	children

SPELLING RULE

Irregular plurals are formed in unusual ways. Sometimes, a new word is used, as in "goose" and "geese". Sometimes, the same word is used for both, as in "deer". Some nouns that end in 'f' or 'fe' change to 'v' and 'es' is added, as in "loaf" and "loaves".

Part A Write both forms of the spelling words.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Part B Write the new WOW word: _____

What is the opposite of the WOW word?

Part C Match the singular forms to their plural forms. Then, write both words on the lines.

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|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1. goose | mice | 1. _____ |
| 2. foot | wives | 2. _____ |
| 3. mouse | women | 3. _____ |
| 4. child | shelves | 4. _____ |
| 5. half | calves | 5. _____ |
| 6. shelf | geese | 6. _____ |
| 7. wife | halves | 7. _____ |
| 8. calf | loaves | 8. _____ |
| 9. man | feet | 9. _____ |
| 10. loaf | men | 10. _____ |
| 11. woman | children | 11. _____ |

Which word on the spelling list does not change? _____



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shelves
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Part D

Break the code. Each number in this code stands for one letter in the alphabet. Use the code to write the spelling words. Then, write the plural of each word.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
l	m	n	o	p	r	s	t	u	v	w

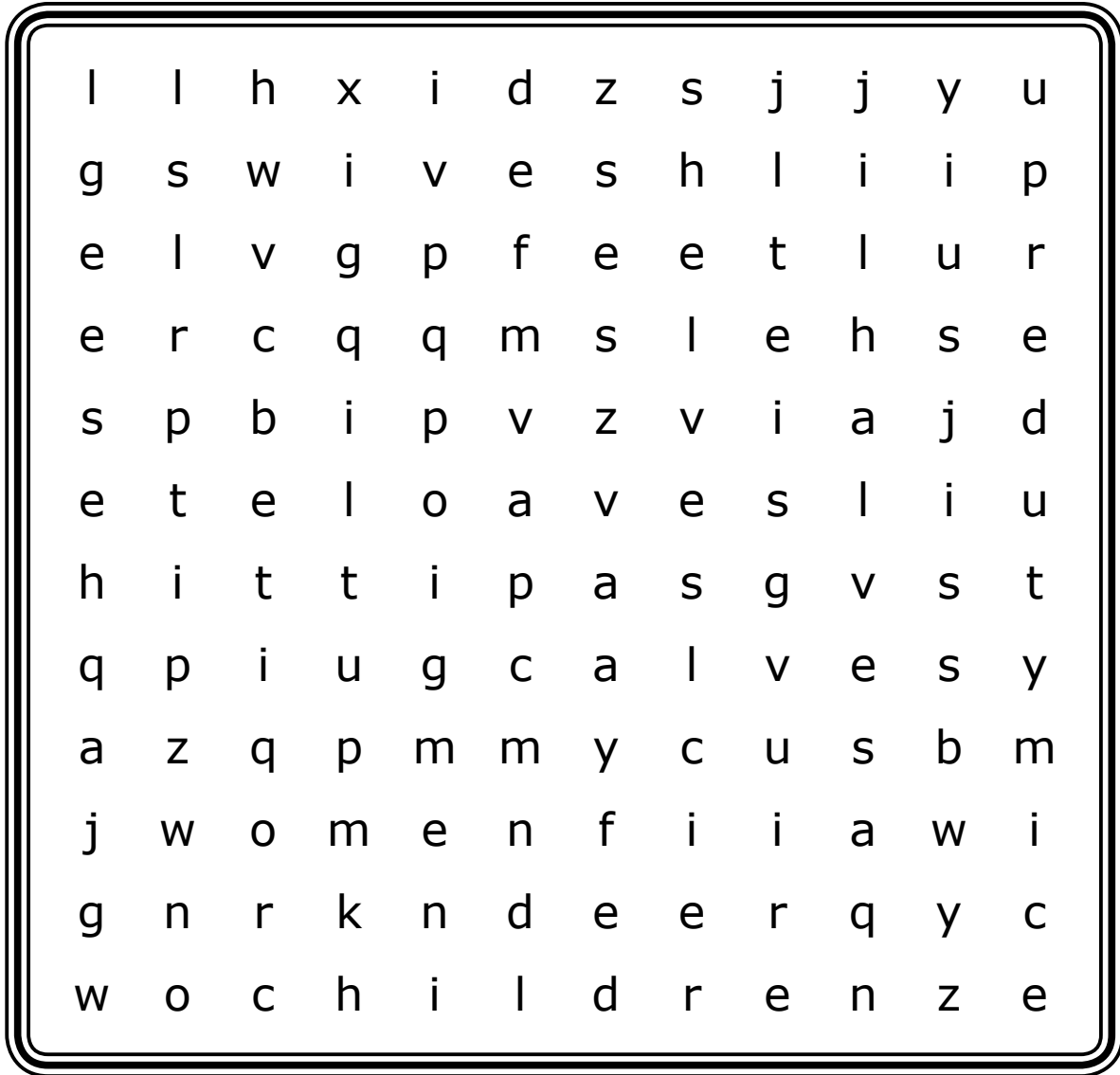
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- 3 8 9 12 4
- 7 15 15 18 5
- 22 15 13 1 14
- 13 1 14
- 13 15 20 18 5
- 8 1 12 6
- 18 8 5 12 6
- 22 9 6 5
- 3 1 12 6
- 12 15 1 6
- 4 5 5 17
- 6 15 15 19



Name: _____

LESSON 8



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SEE IT



SAY IT



WRITE IT

1. loaf / loaves	loaf / loaves	_____
2. calf / calves	calf / calves	_____
3. half / halves	half / halves	_____
4. shelf / shelves	shelf / shelves	_____
5. man / men	man / men	_____
6. woman / women	wo-man / wo-men	_____
7. goose / geese	goose / geese	_____
8. wife / wives	wife / wives	_____
9. deer / deer	deer / deer	_____
10. foot / feet	foot / feet	_____
11. mouse / mice	mouse / mice	_____
12. child / children	child / chil-dren	_____

CHALLENGE WORDS

- yourself yourselves
- thief thieves

Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher: _____

Spelling Test

LESSON 8

1) _____

7) _____

2) _____

8) _____

3) _____

9) _____

4) _____

10) _____

5) _____

11) _____

6) _____

12) _____

Sentences

1) _____

2) _____



Challenge Words

1) _____

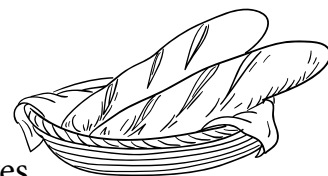
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2) _____

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An adjective is a describing word that tells us more information. Write an adjective that begins with the same letter as the spelling word.



- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1) l <u>arge</u> | loaf/loaves |
| 2) c _____ | calf/calves |
| 3) h _____ | half/halves |
| 4) sh _____ | shelf/shelves |
| 5) m _____ | man/men |
| 6) w _____ | woman/women |
| 7) g _____ | goose/geese |
| 8) w _____ | wife/wives |
| 9) d _____ | deer |
| 10) f _____ | foot/feet |
| 11) m _____ | mouse/mice |
| 12) ch _____ | child/children |