

Syntax Slip-Ups



Help the kids with their sentences!

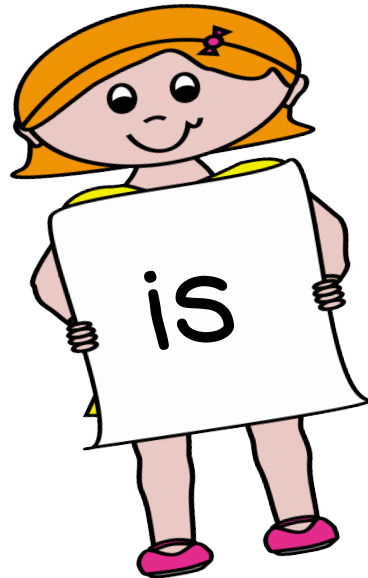
This activity focuses on the following grammatical structures:

- auxiliary verbs: is/are (24 error cards and 12 fill in cards)
 - irregular plurals (24 error cards and 12 fill in cards)
 - irregular past tense (24 error cards and 12 fill in cards)
- subject/possessive pronoun agreement (24 error cards and 12 fill in cards)
 - “I” vs “me” (24 cards error and 12 fill in cards)

Error cards have a black outline, fill in cards have a green outline for easy identification

Have the students identify and fix the errors in the 24 error cards. When they are adept at this, you can use the fill in cards to assess their knowledge.

Auxiliary verbs is/are



Correct: They are going home today.
Incorrect: They is going home today.

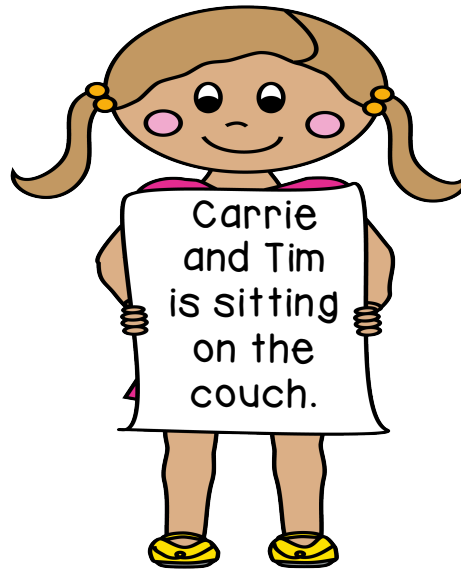
Correct: He is watching a movie.
Incorrect: He are watching a movie.





They is
writing a
story.

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Carrie
and Tim
is sitting
on the
couch.

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Hank are
having a
birthday
party.

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Santiago
are playing
a video
game.

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Amanda
are going
to the
mall.

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Josh and
his mom is
driving
home.

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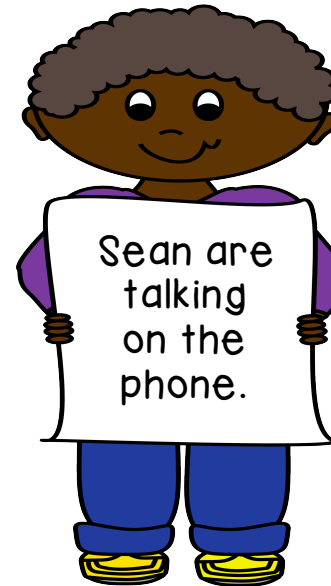
Dion are
going to
the park.

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Rosie
are
getting a
haircut.

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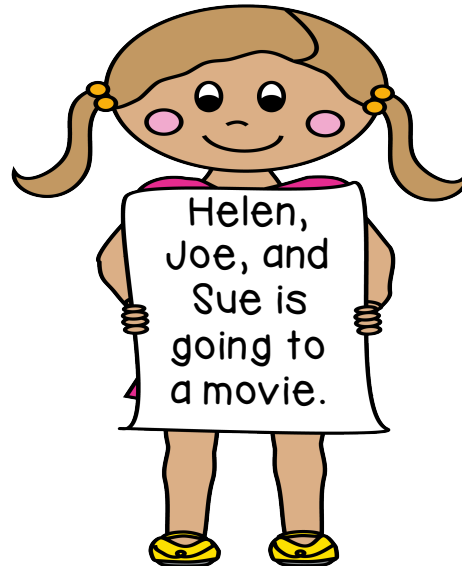
Sean are
talking
on the
phone.

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Joey are
wearing a
new shirt.

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Helen,
Joe, and
Sue is
going to
a movie.

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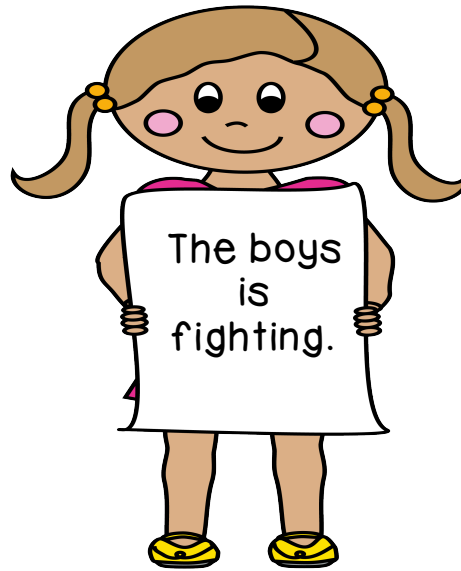
Isabella
are not
going to
the party.

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Tony are
running a
race.

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The boys
is
fighting.

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Susie
and
Jared is
sick.

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Juan are
not going
to the
party.

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Maria are
riding the
bus.

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Jessie
and
Sophia is
making
dinner.

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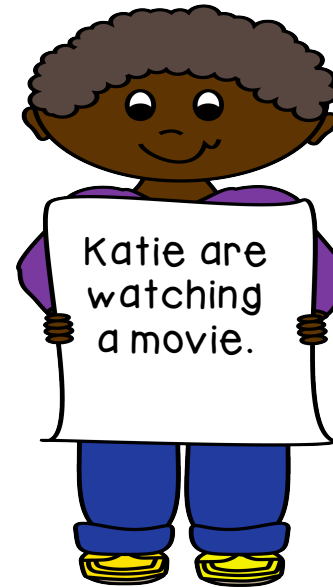
The girls
is
dancing.

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Lucia are
playing
football.

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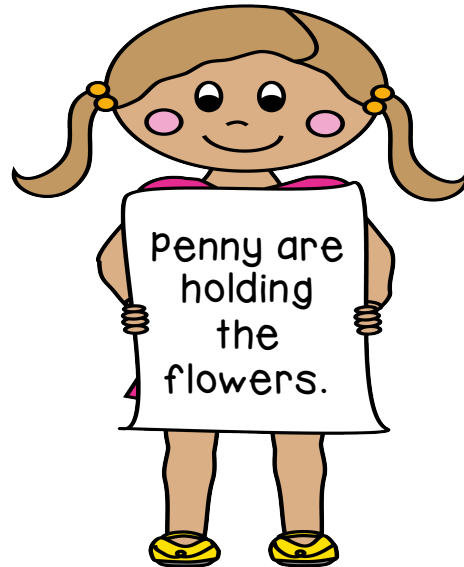
Katie are
watching
a movie.

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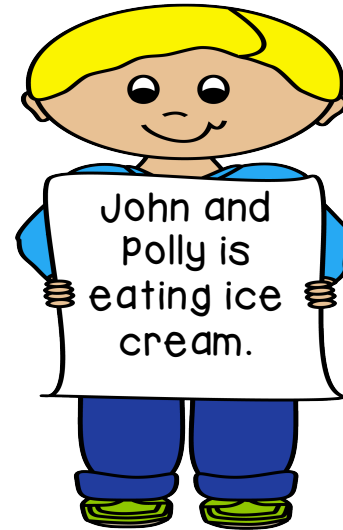
They is
trying out
for the
school play.

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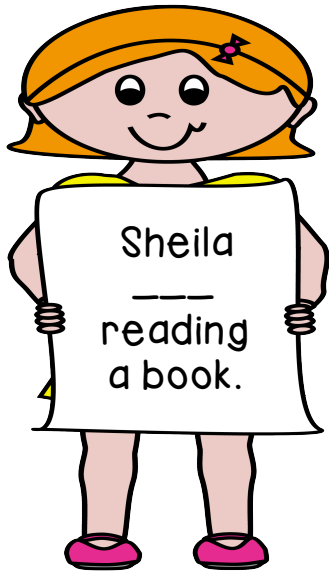
Penny are
holding
the
flowers.

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John and
Polly is
eating ice
cream.

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Sheila

reading
a book.

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Henry

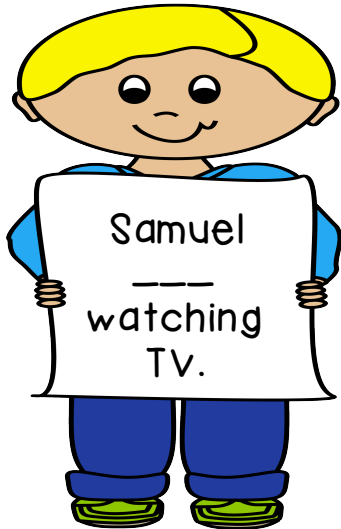
closing
the
window.

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Joe ____
playing
football.

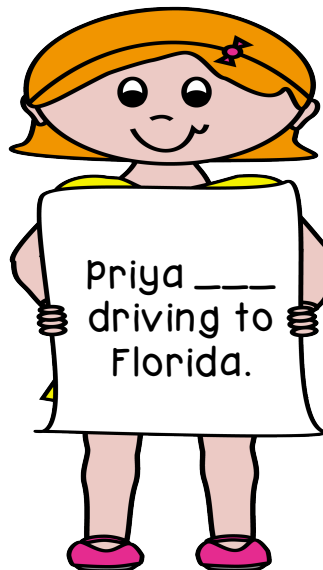
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Samuel

watching
TV.

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Priya ____
driving to
Florida.

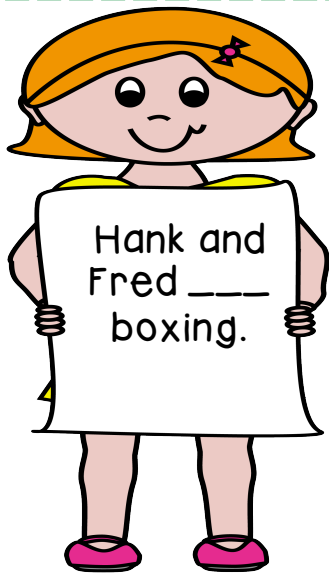
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Shivoni

taking a
nap.

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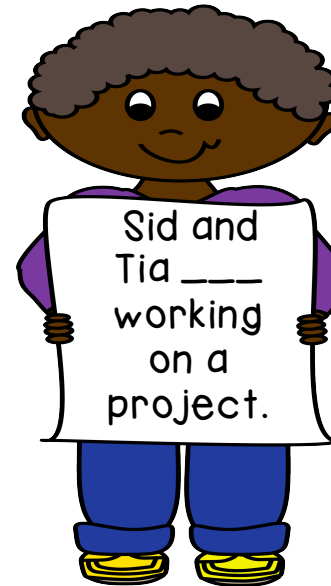
Hank and
Fred ____
boxing.

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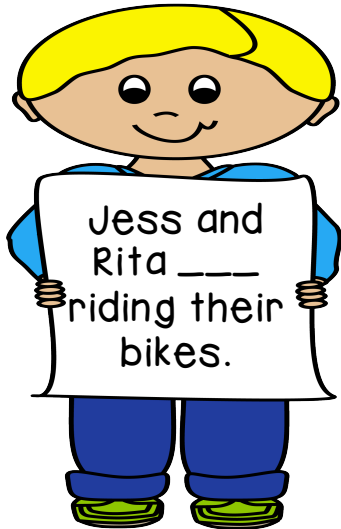
They ____
staying
at my
house.

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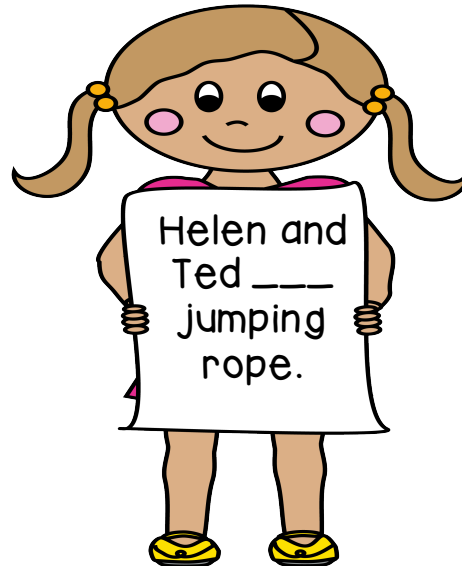
Sid and
Tia ____
working
on a
project.

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Jess and
Rita ____
riding their
bikes.

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Helen and
Ted ____
jumping
rope.

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Lila and
Walt ____
having a
party.

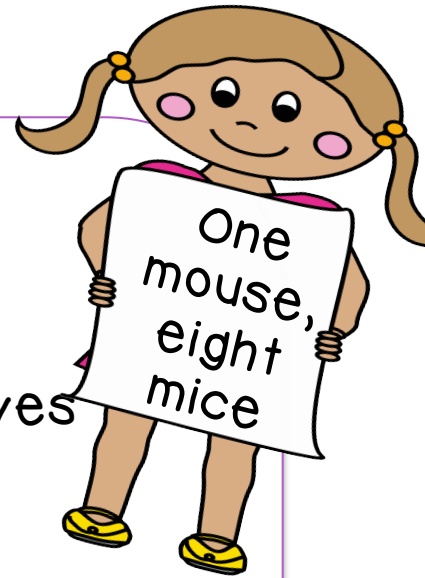
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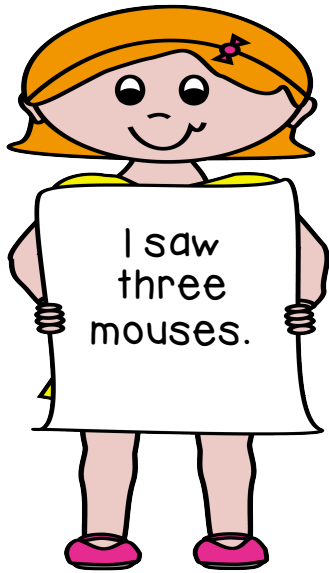
Irregular Plurals



- ✧ mouse/mice
- ✧ woman/women
- ✧ fireman/firemen
- ✧ thief/thieves
- ✧ sheep/sheep
- ✧ fish/fish
- ✧ goose/geese
- ✧ shelf/shelves
- ✧ foot/feet
- ✧ tooth/teeth
- ✧ child/children
- ✧ moose/moose

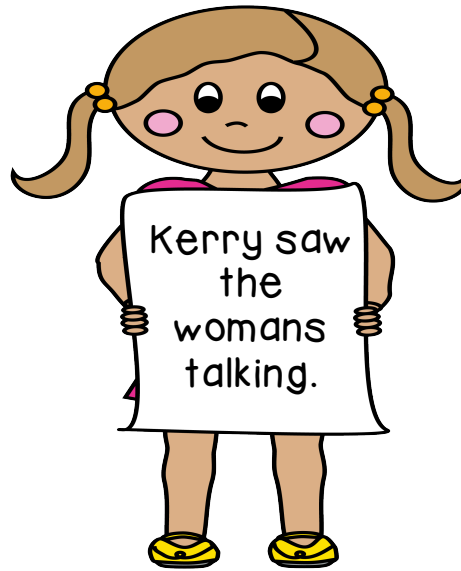
- ✧ scarf/scarves
- ✧ half/halves
- ✧ elf/elves
- ✧ man/men
- ✧ person/people
- ✧ wolf/wolves
- ✧ calf/calves
- ✧ hoof/hooves
- ✧ loaf/loaves
- ✧ deer/deer
- ✧ die/dice





I saw
three
mouses.

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Kerry saw
the
womans
talking.

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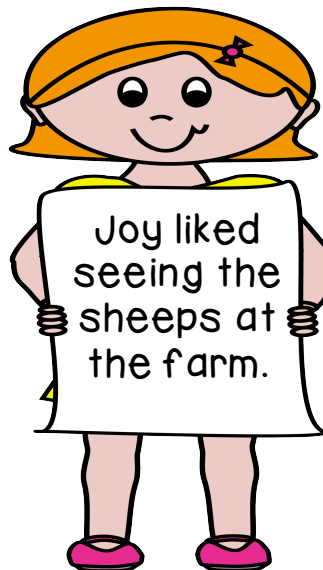
The
firemans
put out
the fire.

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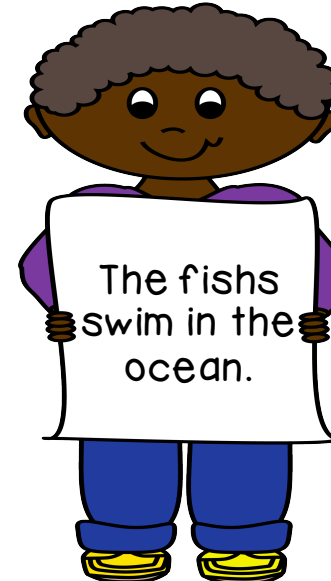
The thief's
stole all the
money.

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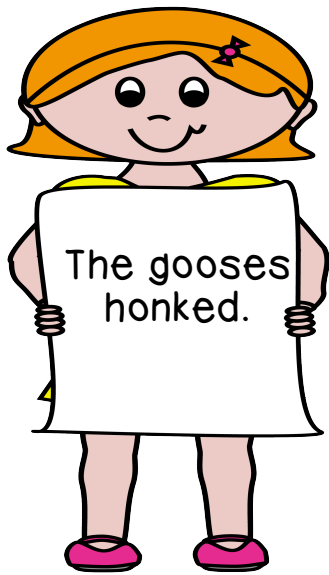
Joy liked
seeing the
sheeps at
the farm.

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The fishs
swim in the
ocean.

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The geese
honked.

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Randy put
the books
on the
shelf's.

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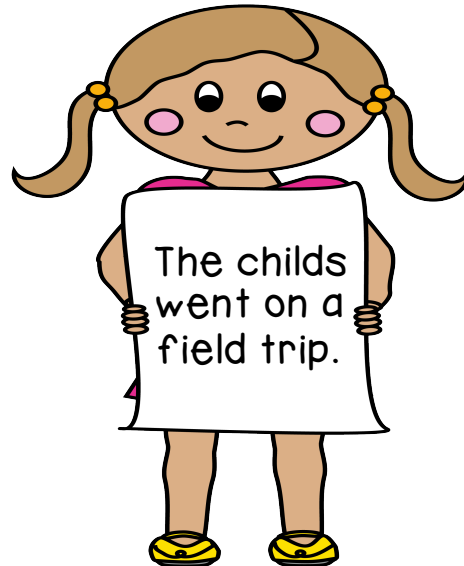
Kelly's
feets hurt
after the
race.

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Gina had her
tooths
cleaned.

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The child's
went on a
field trip.

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Eve saw
three
mooses.

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We raked
the leafs
into a pile.

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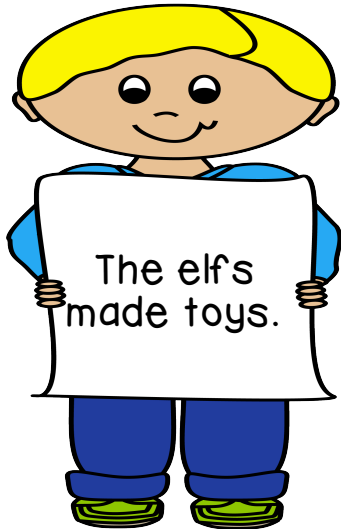
I was cold,
so I put on
two scarf.

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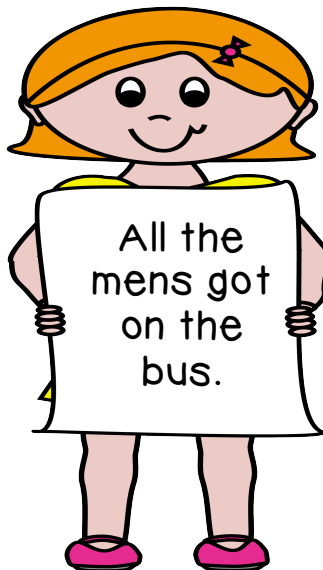
I want
both halfs
of the
cookie!

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The elfs
made toys.

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All the
mens got
on the
bus.

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There
were too
many
peoples in
the car.

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I heard
some
wolf's
howling.

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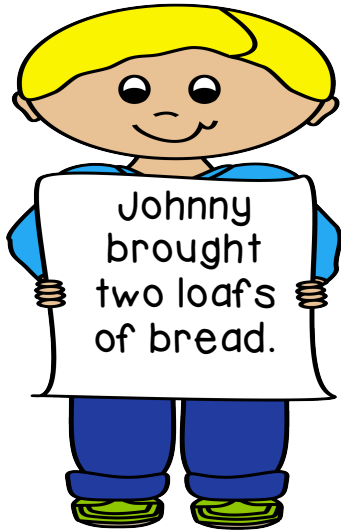
We saw
too calf's
at the
farm.

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The
horse
stomped
his
hoofs.

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Johnny
brought
two loaf's
of bread.

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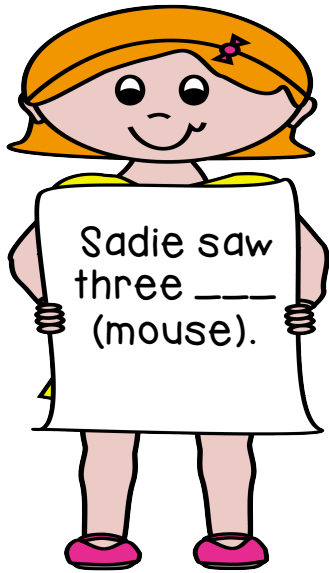
The
group of
deers
were in
the field.

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I need two
dies to
play the
game.

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Sadie saw
three ____
(mouse).

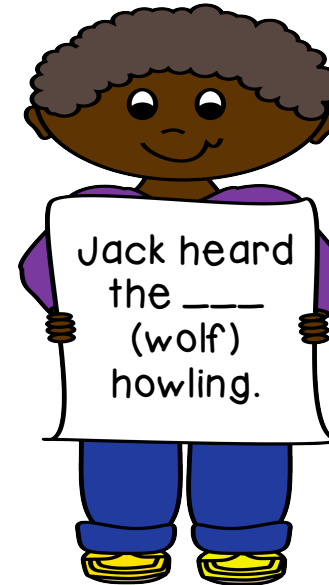
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I fed all the

(fish).

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Jack heard
the ____
(wolf)
howling.

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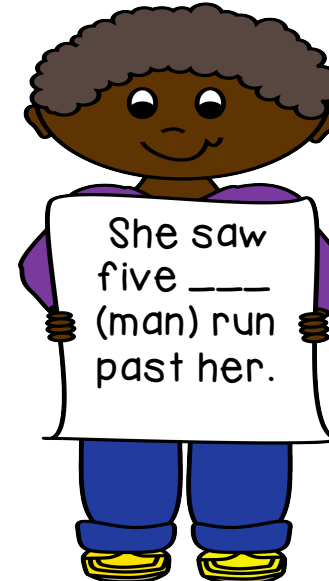
She sheared
two ____
(sheep)
today.

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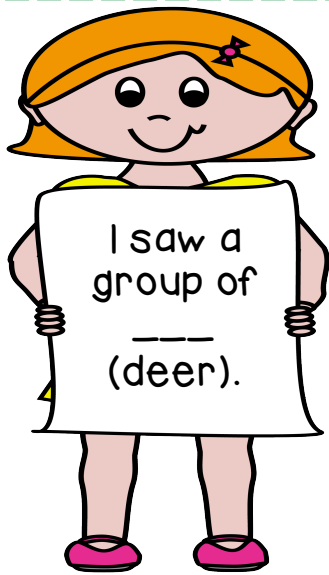
Peeta asked
the ____
(woman)
for help.

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She saw
five ____
(man) run
past her.

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I saw a
group of

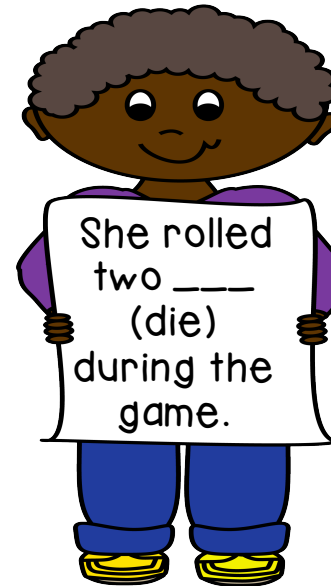
(deer).

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put the
books on
two ____
(shelf).

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She rolled
two ____
(die)
during the
game.

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We let all the
____ (goose)
cross the
road.

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I
brushed
my ____
(tooth).

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I wore two
____ (scarf)
because it
was cold.

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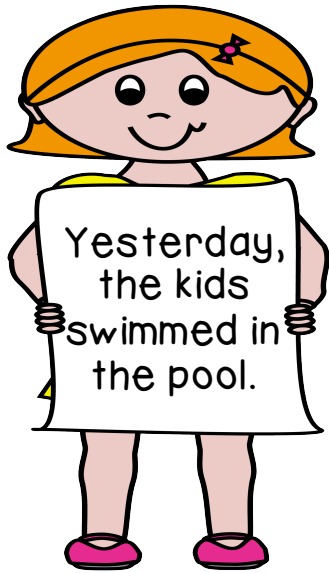


Irregular Past Tense

- ✧ swim/swam
- ✧ buy/bought
- ✧ drink/drank
- ✧ eat/ate
- ✧ hide/hid
- ✧ lose/lost
- ✧ go/went
- ✧ get/got
- ✧ run/ran
- ✧ build/built
- ✧ hit/hit
- ✧ take/took

- ✧ find/found
- ✧ blow/blew
- ✧ give/gave
- ✧ spend/spent
- ✧ fall/fell
- ✧ throw/threw
- ✧ know/knew
- ✧ sing/sang
- ✧ sleep/slept
- ✧ sit/sat
- ✧ see/saw
- ✧ write/wrote





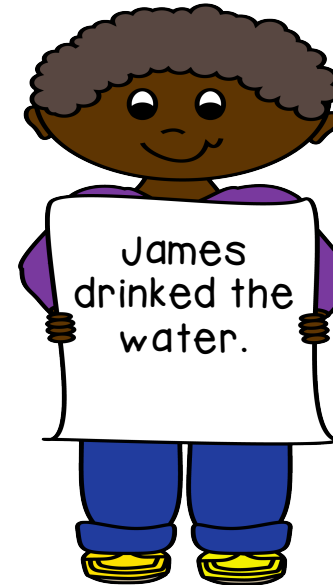
Yesterday,
the kids
swimmed in
the pool.

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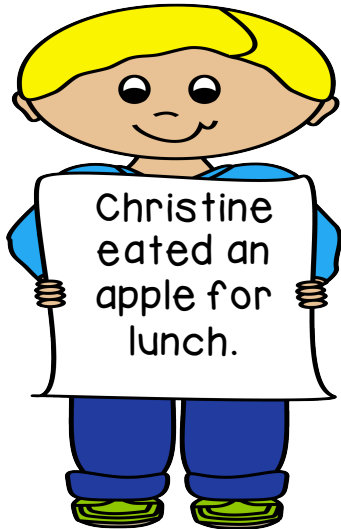
I buyed a
can of
soda.

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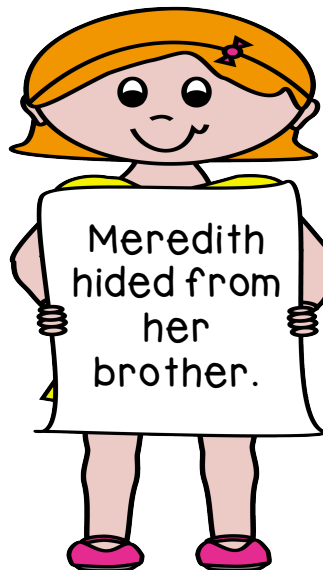
James
drinked the
water.

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Christine
eated an
apple for
lunch.

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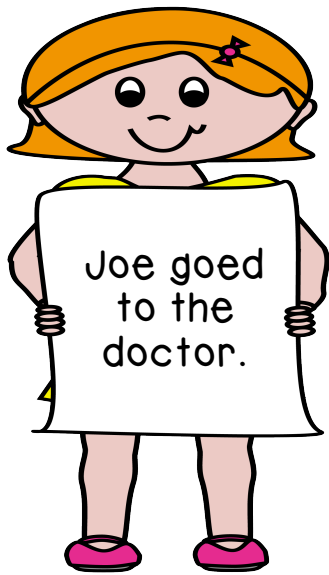
Meredith
hided from
her
brother.

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Dan losed
his keys.

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Joe goed
to the
doctor.

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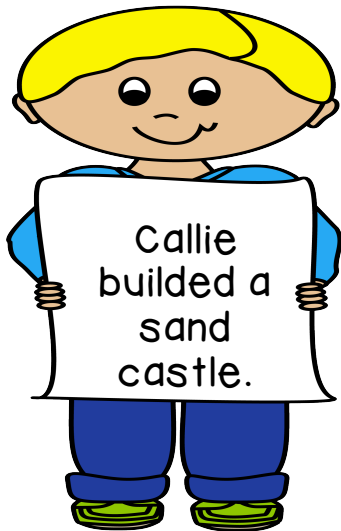
Rosie
getted a
new
book.

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Betty
runned a
race.

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Callie
builded a
sand
castle.

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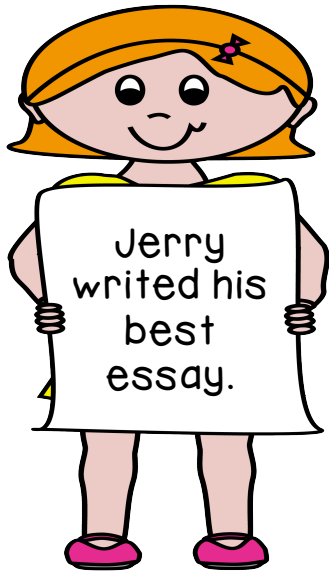
Beth
hitted
the
baseball.

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Gary
taked his
math
test.

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Jerry
writed his
best
essay.

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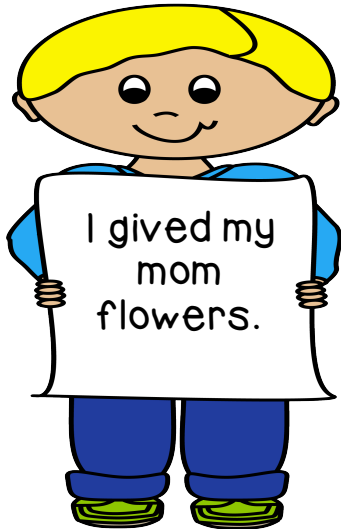
Rich finded
his winter
coat in the
closet.

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The wind
blowed hard
last night.

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I gived my
mom
flowers.

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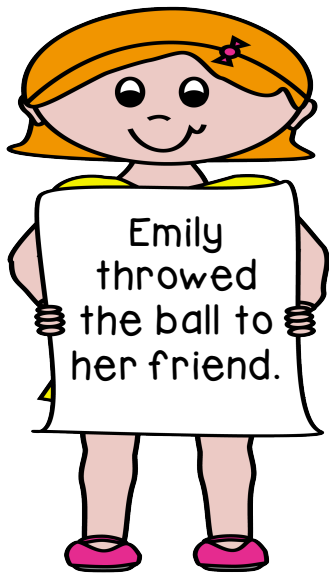
You
spended
all your
money.

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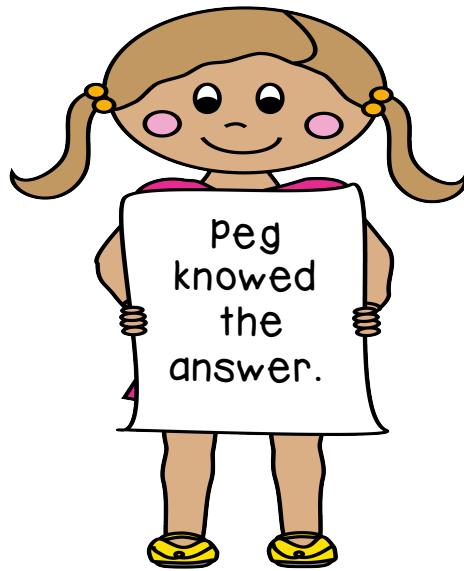
Fred falled
out of the
tree.

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Emily
threw
the ball to
her friend.

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peg
knowed
the
answer.

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We singed
the song
for our
parents.

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I slepted
until noon
yesterday.

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We sitted
on the
bleachers
at the
game.

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I sawed my
grandma
yesterday.

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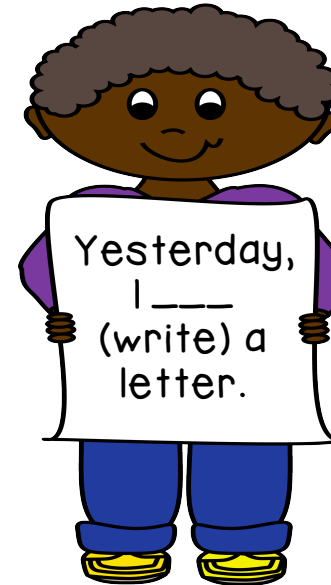
Yesterday,
we ____
(run) the
race.

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Yesterday,
I ____ (fall)
out of the
tree.

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Yesterday,
I ____
(write) a
letter.

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Yesterday,
Sherry ____
(sing) at the
concert.

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Yesterday,
you ____
(spend) all
your money.

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Yesterday,
Zeke ____
(buy)
groceries.

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Yesterday,
Gina ____
(drink) a
smoothie.

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Yesterday,
Zoe ____
(sleep)
until noon.

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Yesterday,
I ____
(throw) the
ball.

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Yesterday,
Shelly ____
(lose) her
homework.

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Yesterday,
I ____
(get) new
shoes.

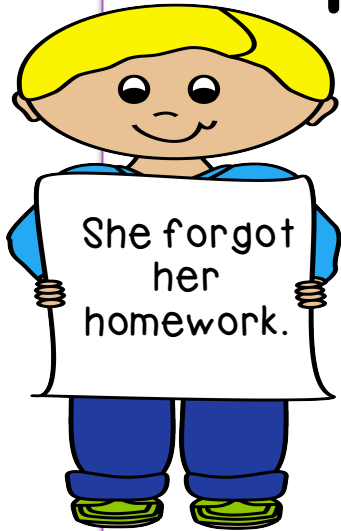
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Yesterday, I
____ (eat)
tacos for
dinner.

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Subject/Possessive Pronoun Agreement



Tony left his homework on the table.

boy = his

Sherry bought her mom cookies.

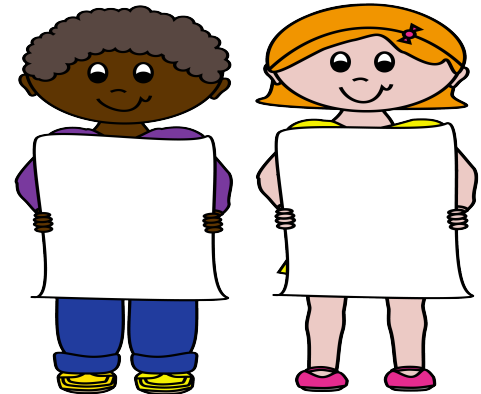
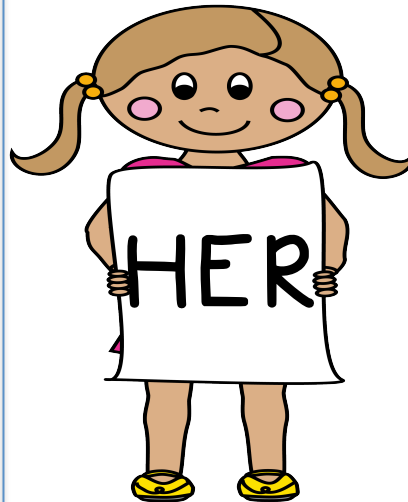
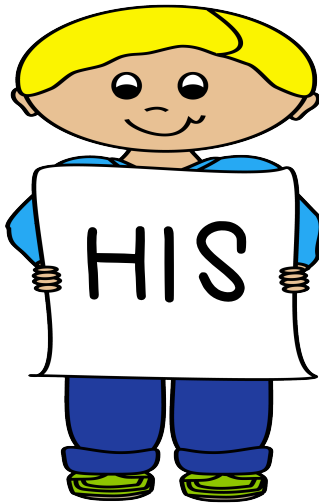
girl = her

The girls watched their favorite movie.

more than one person = their



Subject/Possessive Pronoun Agreement



THEIR



Jasmine
lost his
homework.

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Martina
and Rita
drink her
sodas.

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Sebastian
likes her
pet turtle.

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David
watches her
favorite
show.

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Gabriella
swims in
his pool.

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Lucas
broke her
wrist.

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Nick put
on her
shoes.

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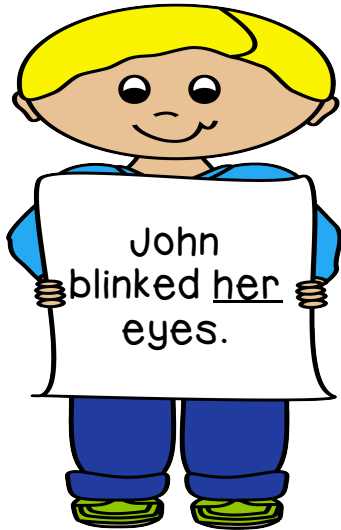
Sofia
broke
their
nose.

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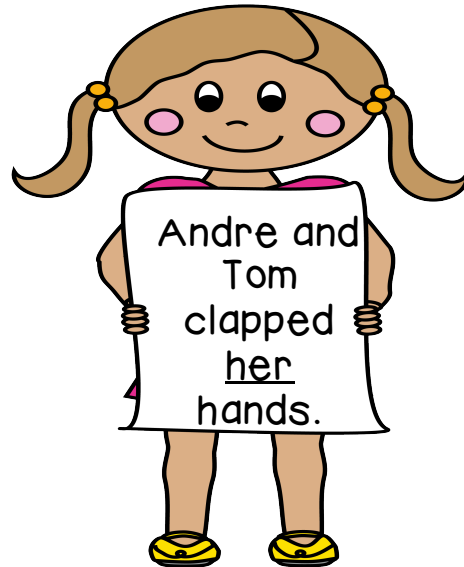
Natalie
banged on
his drum.

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John
blinked her
eyes.

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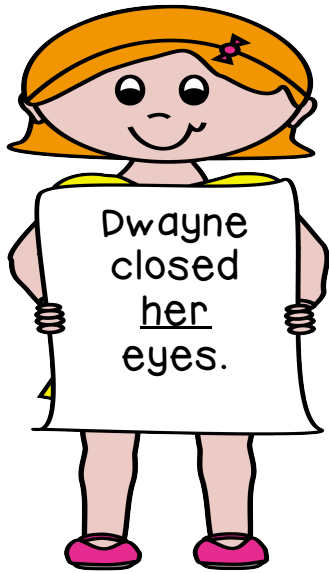
Andre and
Tom
clapped
her
hands.

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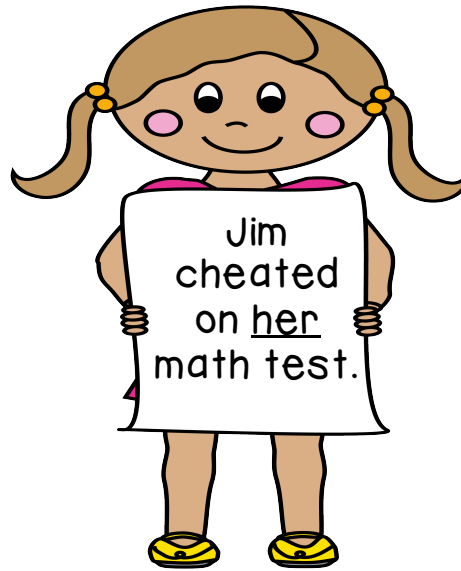
Corey and
Sadie
cleaned
her plates.

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Dwayne
closed
her
eyes.

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Jim
cheated
on her
math test.

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Chase
pulled on
her
socks.

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Andrea
grabbed
their
backpack.

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Shana
painted
his nails
pink.

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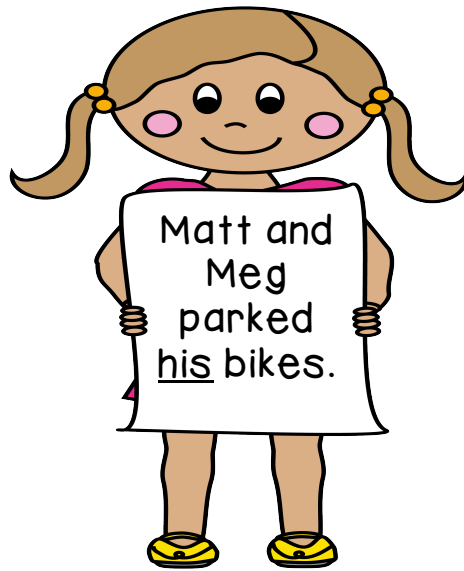
Carly
drank
their
milkshak
e.

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Andy
clapped
their
hands.

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Matt and
Meg
parked
his bikes.

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Patty
and Bob
raced
his toy
cars.

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Dean fed
her fish.

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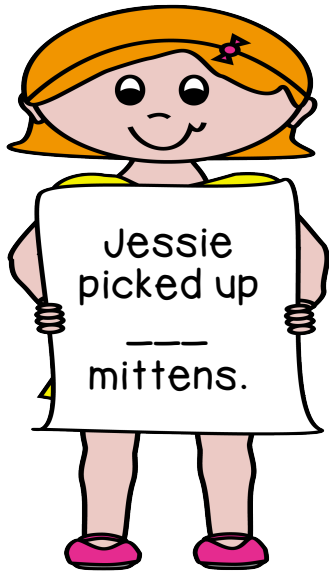
Greg and
Holly
raised his
hands.

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Grandma
forgot
their
cane.

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Jessie
picked up

mittens.

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Tina
finished

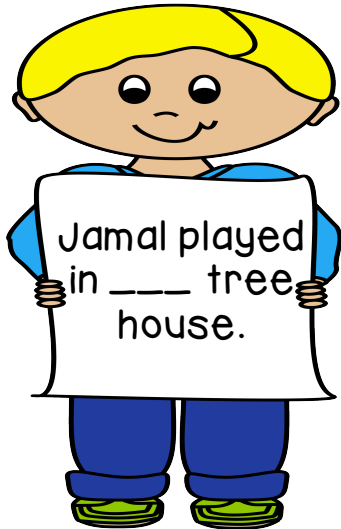
homework.

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Hugh
chased
___ dog.

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Jamal played
in ___ tree
house.

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The team
won all
___ games.

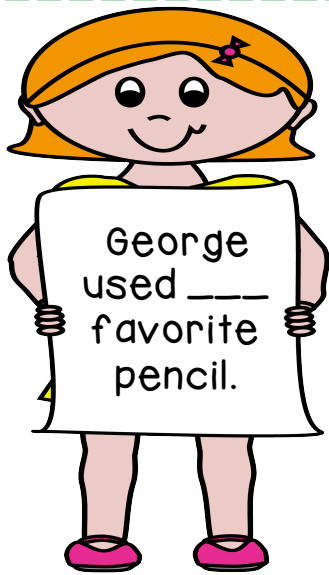
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They found

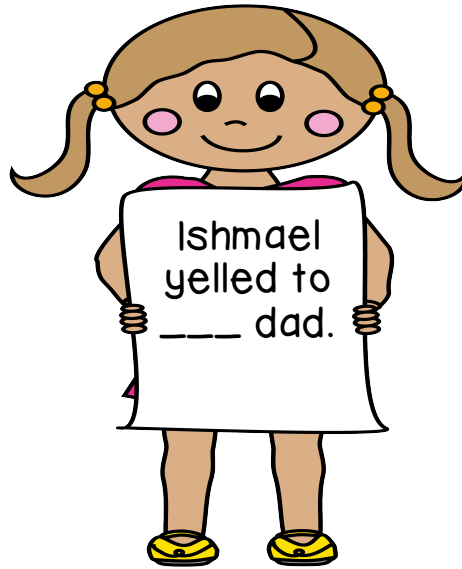
favorite
colors.

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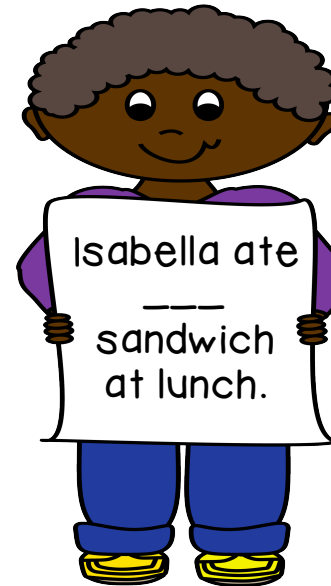
George
used ____
favorite
pencil.

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Ishmael
yelled to
____ dad.

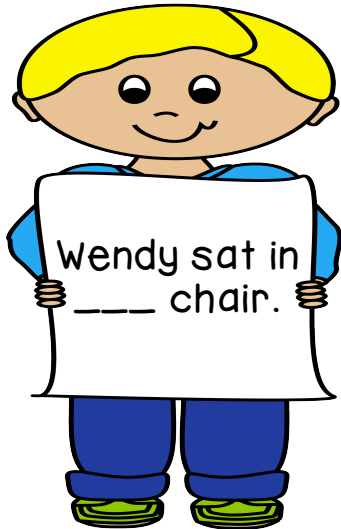
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Isabella ate

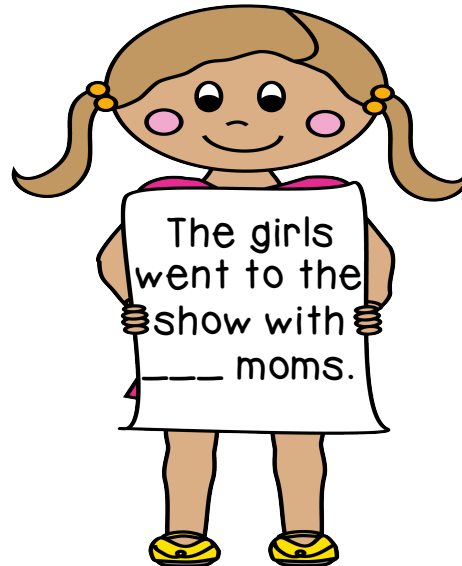
sandwich
at lunch.

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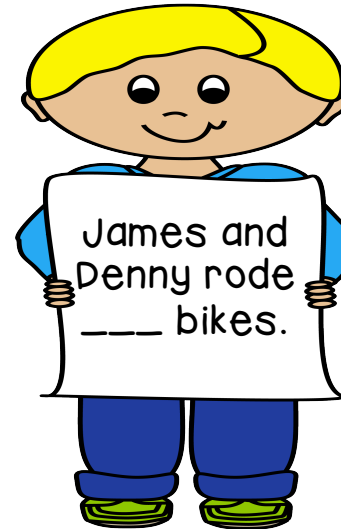
Wendy sat in
____ chair.

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The girls
went to the
show with
____ moms.

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James and
Denny rode
____ bikes.

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“I” vs “me”



Correct: I like my pink bike.
Incorrect: Me like my pink bike.



Correct: Please give me some cookies.
Incorrect: Please give I some cookies.



Me lost
my
favorite
book.

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Give I
some
more.

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Me got a
new
shirt.

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She gave
I some
stickers.

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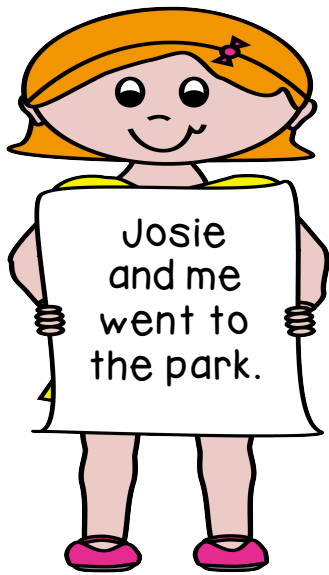
Jessie got
I an ice
cream
cone.

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Me won
first
prize.

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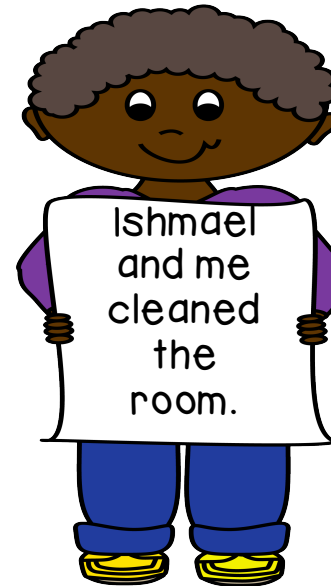
Josie
and me
went to
the park.

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Haley
helped I
with
chores.

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Ishmael
and me
cleaned
the
room.

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Me gave
her some
toys.

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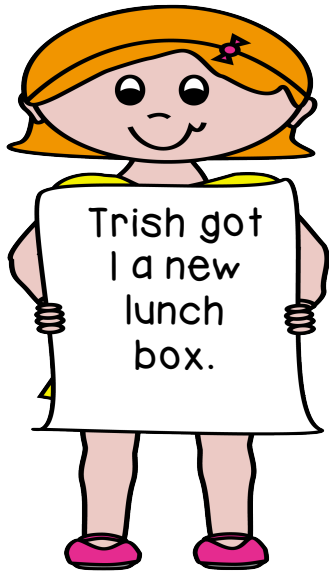
Kayla
and me
went
shopping.

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Lonny and
me ate
cookies.

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Trish got
I a new
lunch
box.

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Felicia
and me
frosted
the
cookies.

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Enrique
baked I a
cake.

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Allie and
me went
to the
mall.

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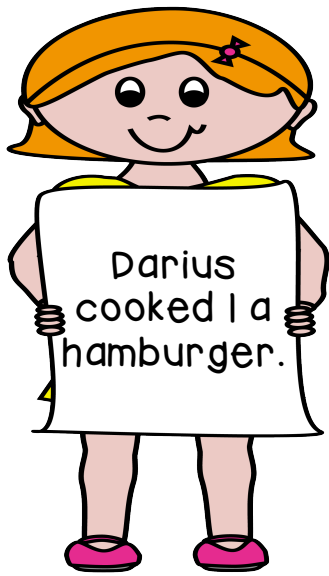
Paul and
me
bought
new
hats.

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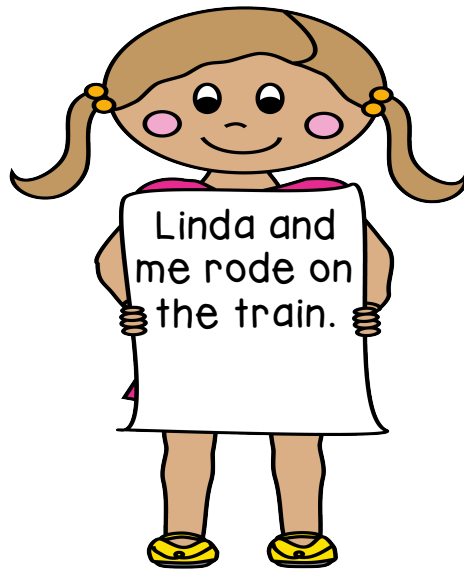
Olivia
sang I a
song.

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Darius
cooked I a
hamburger.

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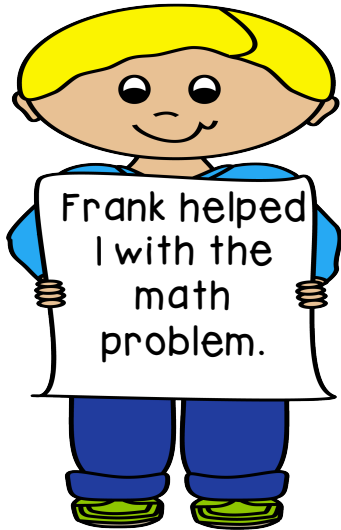
Linda and
me rode on
the train.

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Phil gave I
some gum.

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Frank helped
I with the
math
problem.

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Martha and
me ran the
bake sale.

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Gary
brought I a
shell.

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___ went to
the store.

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She gave
___ a ride
home.

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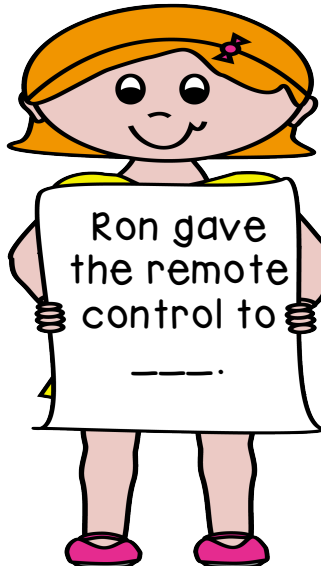
Ginny and
___ baked a
cake.

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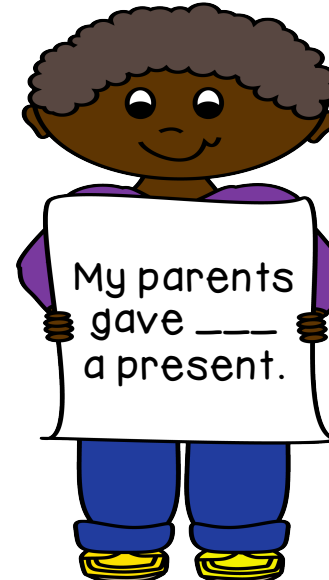
___ lost my
favorite
sweater.

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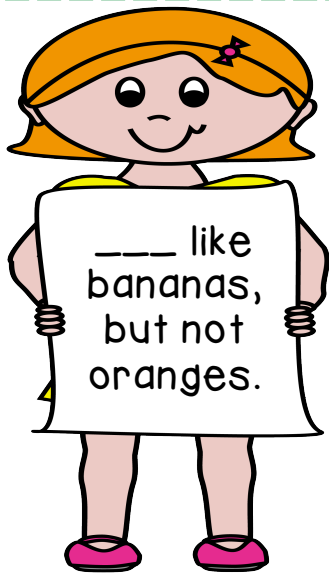
Ron gave
the remote
control to
_____.

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My parents
gave ___
a present.

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____ like
bananas,
but not
oranges.

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Izzy and
____ went
to the
library.

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Candie
gave ____
a scarf.

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____ had a
chocolate
cake for my
birthday.

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The team
gave ____
an award.

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Julie and
____ made
milkshake
s.

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