

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Prudy's Problem*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

collection a gathering of items that are similar in some way

butterflies insects with large, usually brightly colored, wings

enormous very large; huge

scattered spread about in various places

shoelaces cords or leather strips used on shoes

strain to draw too tight; stretch too much

Conventions

Irregular Plural Nouns

An **irregular plural noun** is not spelled by adding *-s* or *-es* to the singular. For example, the plural of *man* is not *mans* but *men*. Irregular plural nouns must be learned because they do not follow the regular rules.

Activity

Matching Write the noun pairs below on index cards. Mix the cards and put them facedown in rows. Players take turns flipping over two cards and reading the words. If the words name the same noun in the singular and plural, the player keeps the pair. If the cards don't refer to the same person, place, or thing, then the cards are turned facedown, and play goes to the next player.

man	men	woman	women
child	children	mouse	mice
foot	feet	tooth	teeth
leaf	leaves	life	lives