

Singular and Plural Mimes

Instructions for teachers

Cut up one set of cards per class or per group of two to four students. There are two games which can be played with those cards.

Singular and plural miming guessing game

The teacher or a student takes a card and mimes interacting with that thing or things until someone says the right word or sentence to describe it. To practise spelling, you could also ask them to write their guesses down. For example, if someone mimes juggling they should race to say and/ or write “balls” or “They are balls”.

Singular and plural miming race

The teacher or a student writes up or says what is on their card and gives points for the first person to mime the right thing and/ or the best mime to represent that thing or things, e.g. the best mime of drawing with two different pencils for “(They are) pencils”.

Cards to cut up

Basic plurals to mime and say or spell

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| (It is a) ball. | (They are) balls. |
| (It is a) bag. | (They are) bags. |
| (It is a) banana. | (They are) bananas. |
| (It is an) egg. | (They are) eggs. |
| (It is a) jacket. | (They are) jackets. |
| (It is a) mirror. | (They are) mirrors. |
| (It is a) pencil. | (They are) pencils. |
| (It is a) piano. | (They are) pianos. |
| (It is a) racket. | (They are) rackets. |
| (It is a) shoe. | (They are) shoes. |
| (It is a) snake. | (They are) snakes. |
| (It is a) sock. | (They are) socks. |
| (It is a) spider. | (They are) spiders. |

Trickier plurals to mime and say or spell

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| (It is a) baby. | (They are) babies. |
| (It is a) cockroach. | (They are) cockroaches. |
| (It is a) (hair)brush. | (They are) (hair)brushes. |
| (It is a) key. | (They are) keys. |
| (It is a) mosquito. | (They are) mosquitoes. |
| (It is a) suitcase. | (They are) suitcases. |
| (It is a) toothbrush. | (They are) toothbrushes. |

Always plural

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| (They are) scissors. | (They are) binoculars. |
| They are pants. | (They are) glasses. |
| (They are) tweezers. | (They are) sunglasses. |
| (They are) shorts. | (They are) stairs. |
| (They are) pajamas. | (They are) goggles. |