Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Inside Out*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

caterpillar the wormlike larvae of insects such as butterflies and moths

cocoon case of silky thread spun by the larvae of various insects, to live in while they are developing into adults

disrespect to show a lack of respect; to be rude

emerge to come into view; come out; come up

migrant a worker, especially a farm worker, who travels from one area to another in search of work

sketched drawn roughly and quickly

unscrewed loosened or taken off by turning

Grammar

Regular and Irregular Plural Nouns

A **regular plural noun** describes more than one person, place, or thing. Such nouns are formed by adding *–s* or *–es*. *For example: key/keys*, *table/tables*, *dish/dishes*. An **irregular plural noun** does not follow this rule. Some words change spelling to form plurals. *For example: man/men*, *tooth/teeth*. Other words stay the same whether singular or plural. *For example: fish/fish*, *sheep/sheep*. Because irregular plural nouns are formed in many unpredictable ways, you must memorize each plural one at a time.

Activity

Can You Hear It? When you add *–s* or *–es* to the end of an irregular noun to make it plural, the sound of the word alone will indicate that it is irregular. With a member of your family, make a list of singular nouns. Read your list and try making the nouns plural by adding *–s* or *–es* to the end of the word. If it sounds odd, it is probably irregular. Look up the word in the dictionary and try to memorize the irregular plural form.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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