

# Parts of Speech

A “necessary evil” lesson brought  
to you by the letter J.

# NOUNS

- A noun is a word that names a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

- Examples:

Person                      uncle, doctor, baby, Lucy

Place                        kitchen, website, New York

Thing                        apple, rose, amplifier, hammer

Idea                         respect, pride, appreciation

# SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS

- **Nouns** can be **singular** or **plural**, depending on whether they name ***one*** person, place, thing, or idea or ***more than one***.
- WRITE THIS DOWN:  
SINGULAR = ONE  
PLURAL = MORE THAN ONE

# FORMING PLURALS

- To form the plural of **most nouns**, simply *add –s at the end of the word.*
- If a noun ends in *s, ch, sh, x, or z*, add *-es to form the plural.*
- *If a noun ends in y and preceded by a consonant, change the y to i and add –es.*
- For most nouns ending in *f or fe*, *change the f to v and add –s or –es.*

# THE EXCEPTIONS

- Some nouns have irregular plurals.

EXAMPLE: man/men

child/children

woman/women

- Some nouns do not change form from singular to plural.

EXAMPLE: Sheep stays sheep no matter how many sheep there are!



# GIVE IT A SHOT

- The following are singular nouns. Your job is to make them plural.
  1. girl
  2. switch
  3. hobby
  4. life
  5. goose
  6. fish