

PWIM Word Study

- **Vowels** - a, e, i, o, u... sometimes y

- **Plural words** - to make a word mean more than one:
 1. Usually add s (cats, dogs, kites)
 2. If a word ends in x, z, ss, sh, or ch, usually add es (foxes, dresses, peaches)
 3. If a word ends in a y preceded by a consonant, change the y to i and add es.
(skies, fairies, babies)

- **Root Word** - a word to which a prefix or suffix may be added to for a new word
Examples: print, pack, like

- **Suffix** - is an addition made at the end of a root word.
Examples: prints, packing, liked

- **Prefix** - is a syllable that is added to the beginning of a root word.
Examples: rprint, unpack, dislike

- **Consonants** - are the remaining letters and usually y
- **Consonant blend** – consists of two or more consonants sounded together in such a way that each is heard
Examples: bl, tr, cr, sw, sp
- **Magic E** - When a word ends in a silent “e” , the silent “e” is a signal that the vowel in front of it is long.
Examples: make, kite, rope
- **Vowel Pairs** - two vowels, the first vowel usually stands for the long sounds, and the second vowel is silent. *“When two vowels go walking, the first does the talking”*
Examples: wait, pie, suit, coat, seat
- **Consonant Digraphs**- When two or more consonants are joined together and form a new sound, they are called a consonant digraph. *“Sneaky Consonants”*
Examples: ch, sh, th, ph, etc.

- **Compound Words**- made up of two or more words joined together to make a new word.
Examples: snowman, playground, classroom

- **Bossy R**- R-controlled Vowel - a vowel followed by an "r" stands for a special sound that is neither long nor short.
Examples: are, surf, car, bird

- **Squeaky EEs**- two Es are beside each other they squeak like a mouse "EEEEEEEEEE"

- **Spooky OOs** - when two Os are beside each other they say "OOOOOO" like a ghost

- **Word Families** - groups of words that have a common feature or pattern - they have some of the same combinations of letters in them and a similar sound.
Examples: at, cat, hat, and fat are a **family** of words with the "at" sound and letter combination in common