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Using Guide Words

To look up words in the dictionary, you need to know about guide words. *Guide words* are the two words you find at the top of each dictionary page. The word on the top left tells you the first word on the page and the word on the right tells you the last word found on the page.

Put a checkmark (✓) next to the words you would find on each of these dictionary pages.

- _____ hive
- _____ hoard
- _____ holistic
- _____ hobby
- _____ historical

engineer enterprise

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| _____ | enlighten |
| _____ | envy |
| _____ | engulf |
| _____ | enemy |
| _____ | engrave |

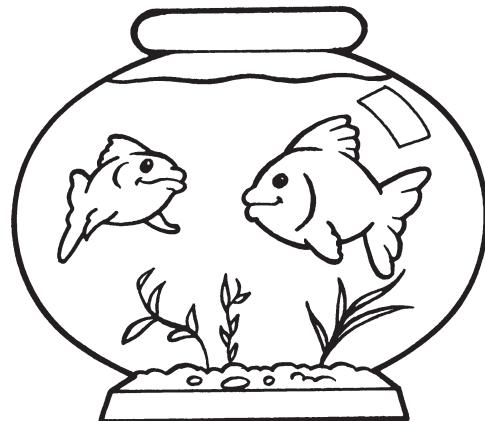
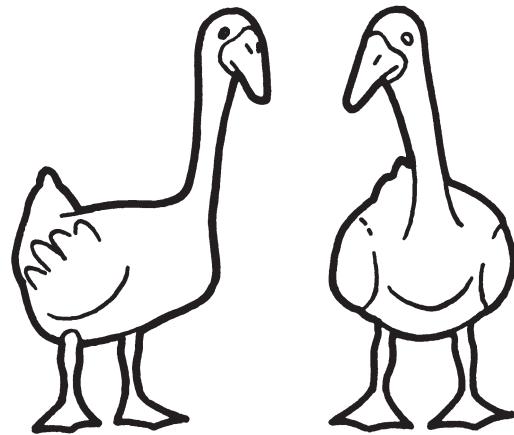
- _____ privilege
- _____ pride
- _____ prism
- _____ prim
- _____ price

What Is Normal, Anyway?

Many nouns in English do not follow the plural rules. They are called *irregular nouns* (not regular). The plurals of the following words do not fit the normal rules for plurals. Use your dictionary to find the plural of each word.

Singular**Plural**

1. child _____
2. foot _____
3. goose _____
4. man _____
5. mouse _____
6. ox _____
7. tooth _____
8. woman _____
9. deer _____
10. fish _____
11. moose _____
12. sheep _____



Now, pick at least two of the plurals you've just written and use them in a sentence.
