

# Homophones and Near Homophones



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1st

The poster is decorated with a string of colorful bunting at the top. It features several circular icons: a purple circle for 'Tombola', a pink circle for 'Raffle', a green circle for 'Fun Run', a blue circle for 'Bouncy Castle', and an orange circle for 'Bric-a-Brac Stalls'. There is also an illustration of two children playing and a yellow ribbon with '1st' written on it.

What is incorrect here?

Why?



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The poster features a string of colorful bunting at the top. Below the title, there are five colored circles, each containing a different activity. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of two children playing a game. To the right of the 'Bouncy Castle' circle is a yellow ribbon award with '1st' written on it.

Can you write a sentence that uses 'fate' correctly?





Please stand well back from the edge of the platform until the train is completely stationery.

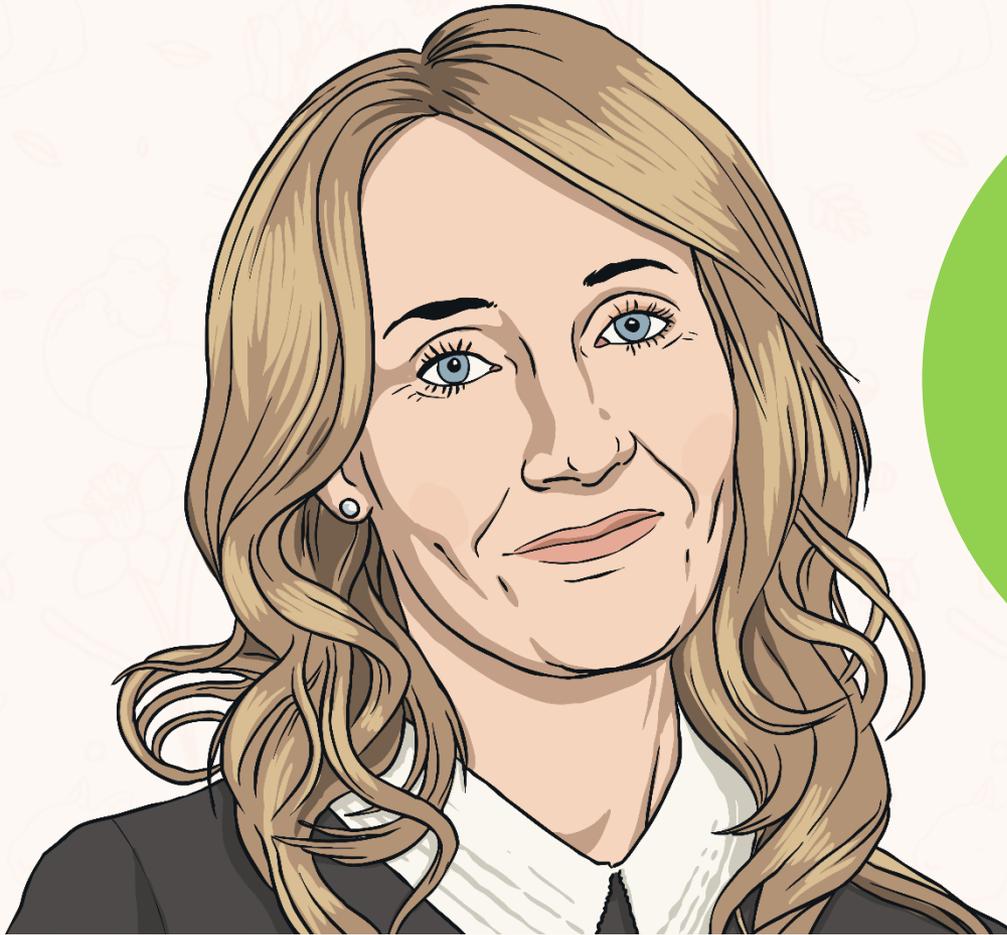
What is incorrect within the announcement? Why?



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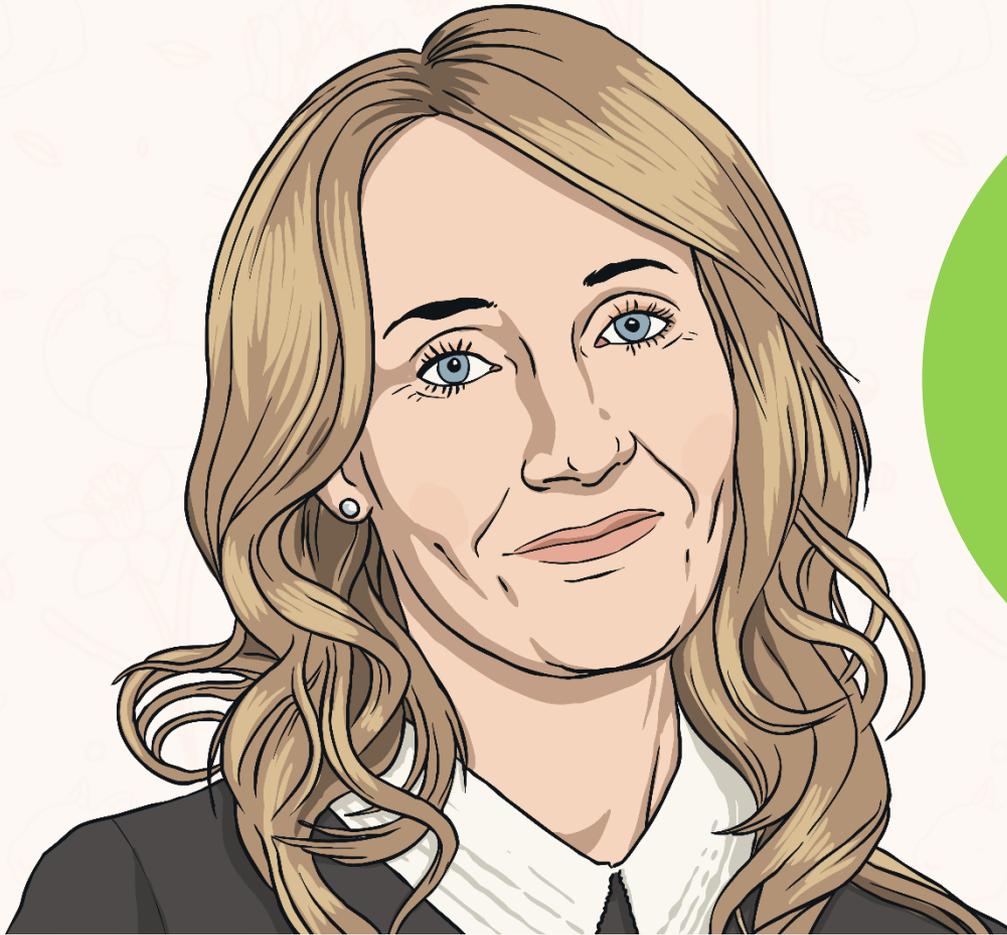
The announcement should have said 'stationary' and not 'stationery'. We can remember the difference as stationEry is to do with envelopes while stationAry is staying in one place as if anchored.

Discuss with your partner...  
**whose** or **who's**?



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## whose or who's



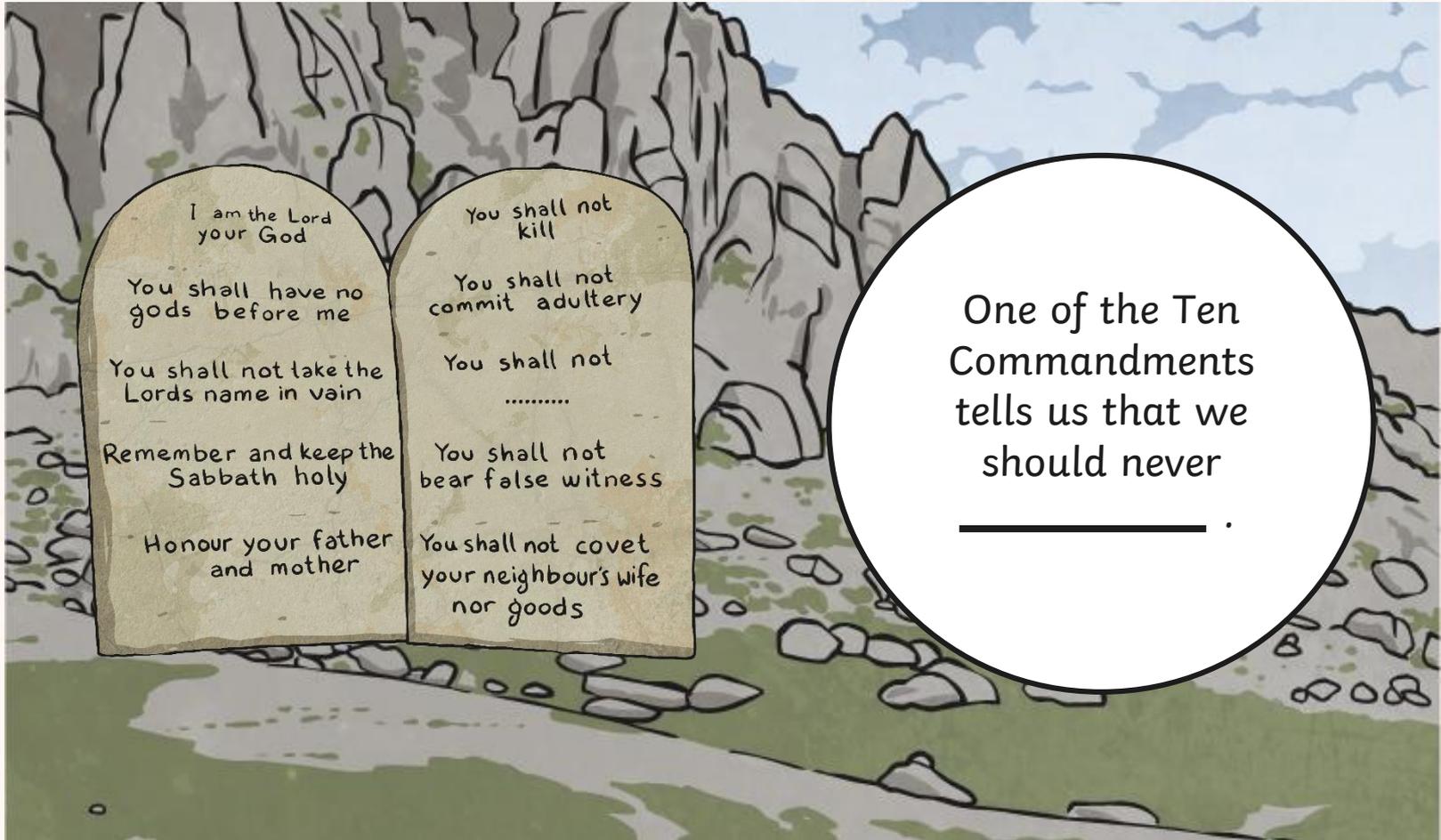
'Whose' is a relative pronoun.

'Who's' is a contracted form of 'who is' or 'who has'.

Can you use 'who's' in a sentence?

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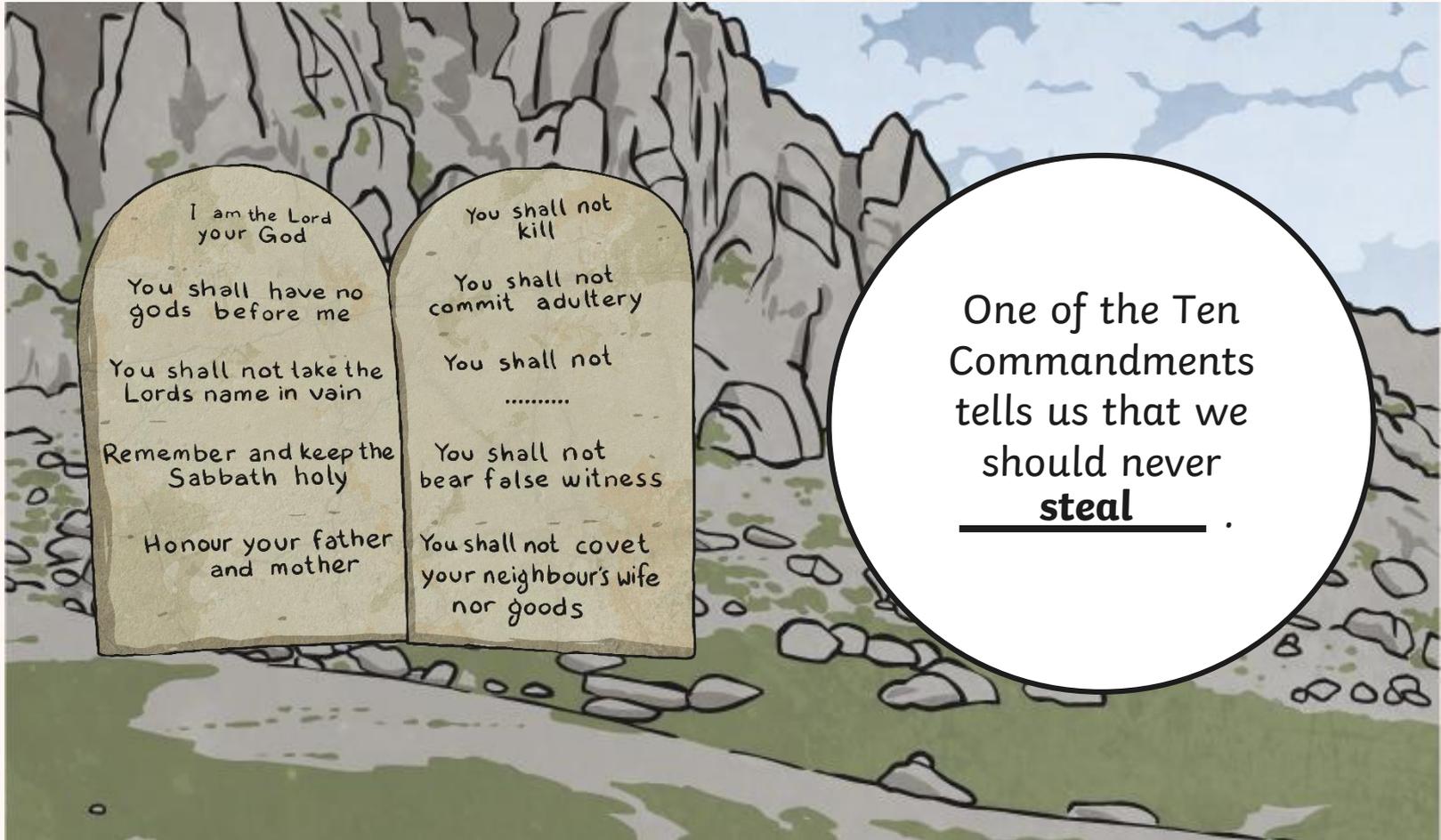
**steel** or **steal**?



One of the Ten  
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\_\_\_\_\_ .

Discuss with your partner...

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I am the Lord  
your God

You shall have no  
gods before me

You shall not take the  
Lords name in vain

Remember and keep the  
Sabbath holy

Honour your father  
and mother

You shall not  
kill

You shall not  
commit adultery

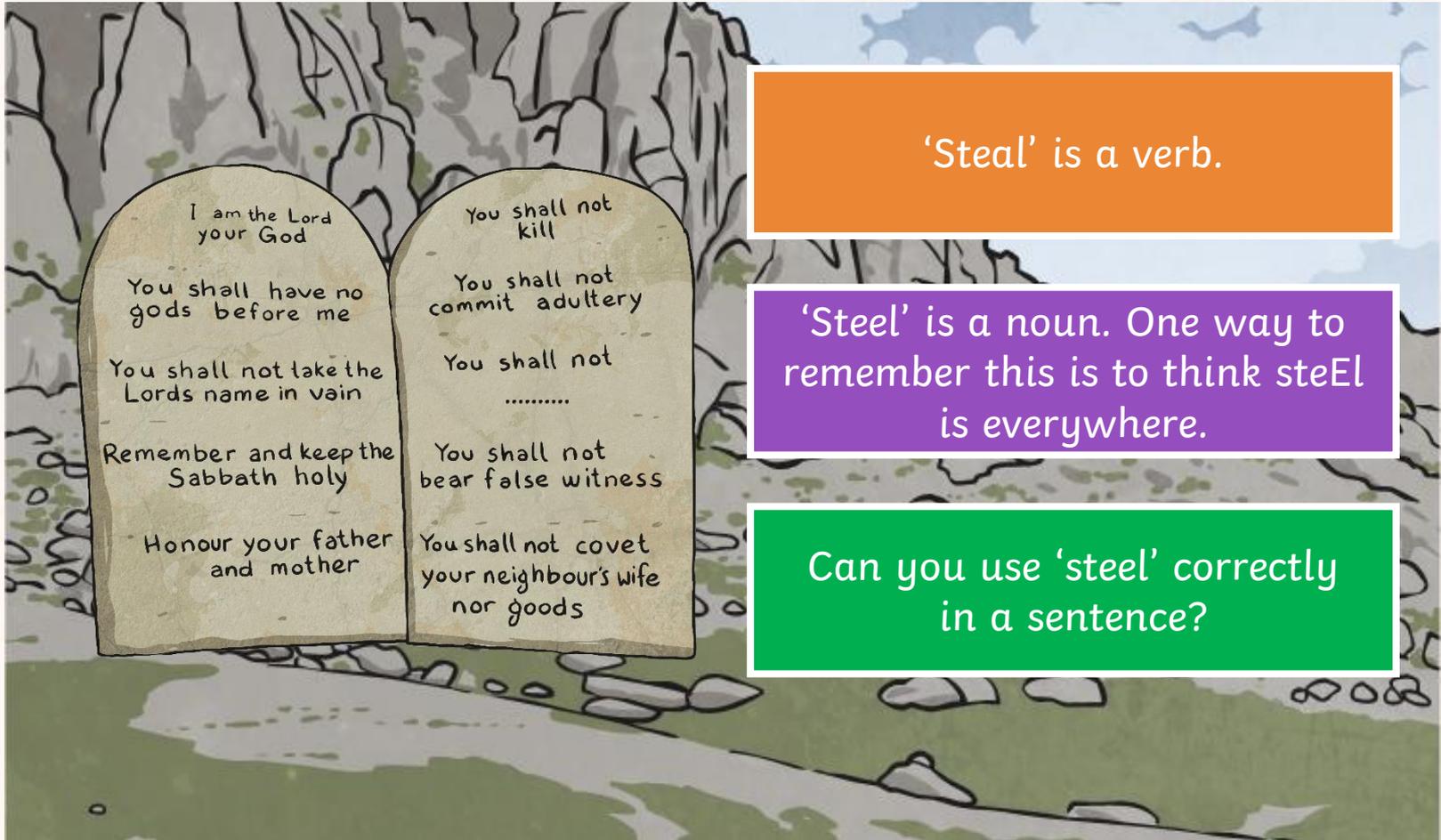
You shall not  
.....

You shall not  
bear false witness

You shall not covet  
your neighbour's wife  
nor goods

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should never  
steal .

## steel or steal



'Steal' is a verb.

'Steel' is a noun. One way to remember this is to think steEl is everywhere.

Can you use 'steel' correctly in a sentence?

Discuss with your partner...

**weary** or **wary**?

After the long-distance race, the athlete was feeling **weary** but elated at her win.



## weary or wary

'Weary' and 'wary' are near homophones that are both usually used as adjectives.

To remember this you could remember if you are WEArY you might be WEAk.

Can you use 'wary' in a sentence correctly?



# Here are your spelling words for this week.

## Week 4

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stationary

stationery

steal

steel

wary

weary

who's

whose

fate

fete

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Work hard to  
practise the pairs of  
homophones and  
near homophones.



