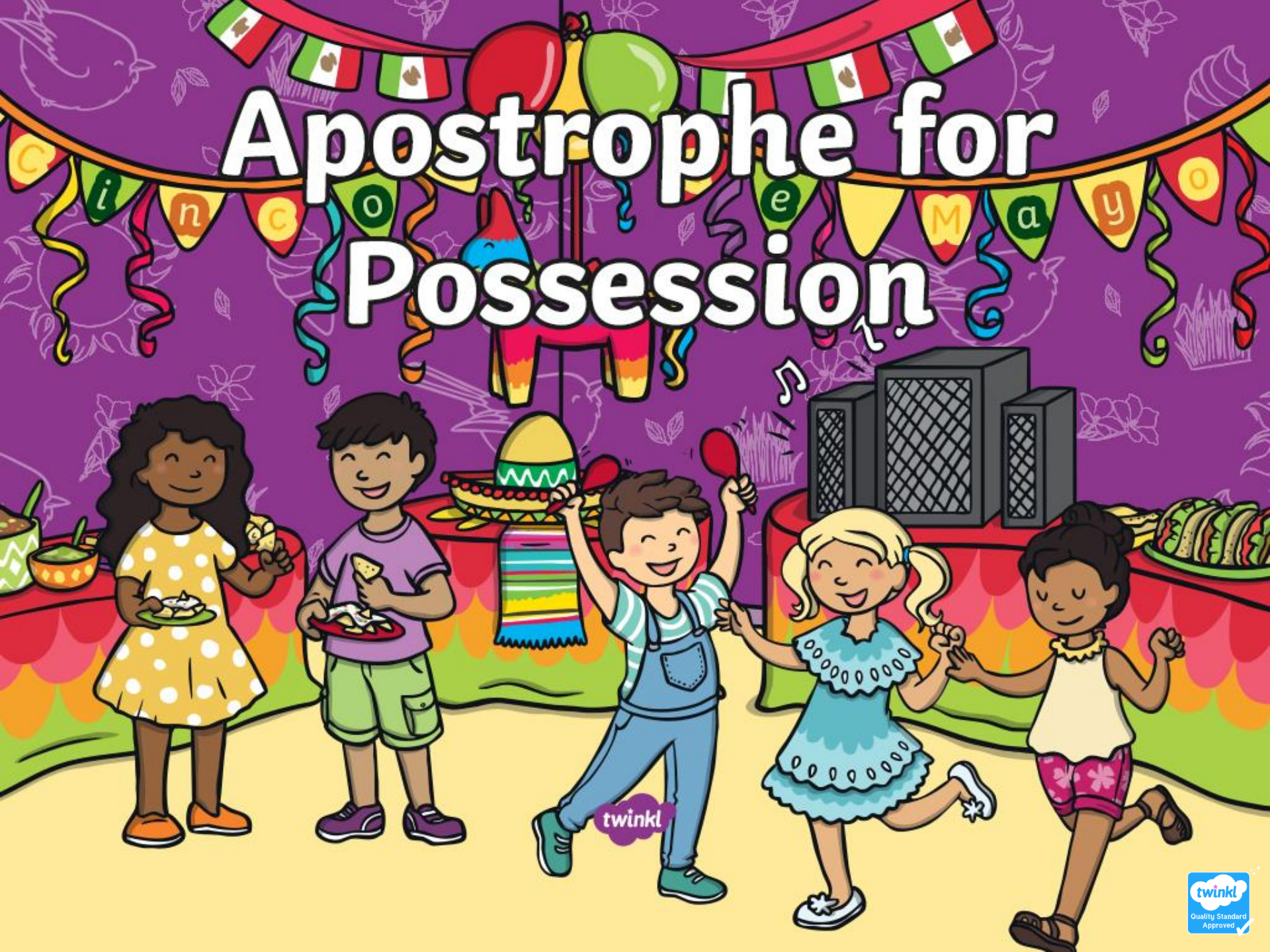
Apostrophe for Possession
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An apostrophe is used to mark where a letter is missing (contraction)...

did not → **didn't**

...or to show that something belongs to somebody or something (possession).

The bag that belongs to Rocco → **Rocco's bag**

Here, the apostrophe comes after the noun and is followed by 's'.

These words all contain an apostrophe. Work with a friend to sort these words into 2 groups on your whiteboards.

Ravi's

can't

it's

a dog's

the school's

didn't

shouldn't

a teacher's

Check

Which picture goes with which sentence? Don't forget to add the apostrophe + 's', to show possession.

Ravi's	The man's	Megan's
The school's		A teacher's

The school's lights were still on.

The man's wig blew off in the wind.

Megan's puppy was brown with a red collar.

Ravi's shirt was purple with stars on it.

A teacher's desk is often untidy.

Time to draw! Take it in turns with a friend to pick one of the sentences and draw a picture to go with it. Can your friend guess which sentence you chose? Swap over.

The girl's tooth had fallen out.

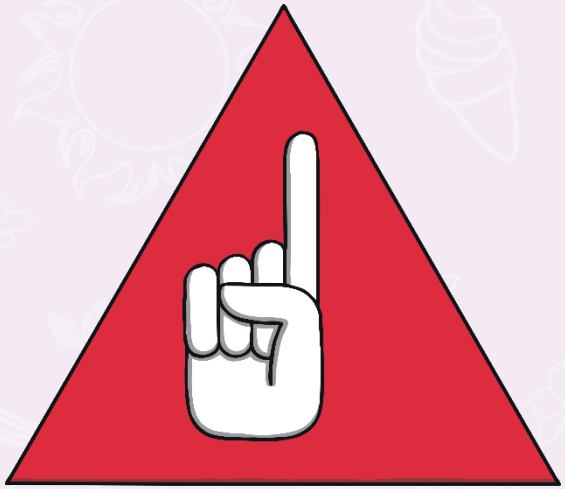
The child's teddy had fallen out of bed.

The woman's shopping trolley knocked over a tin of beans.

A dog's favourite snack is a bone.

Comfy shoes and a warm fleece are part of a postman's uniform.

it's



WATCH OUT!

its

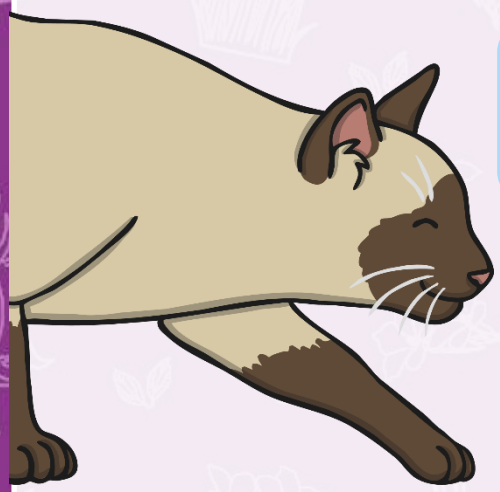
This pair of words sound the same but are not spelt the same. They are **homophones**.

One of the spellings does not follow the pattern we are looking at.

We have to hear them in a sentence to understand which spelling is needed.

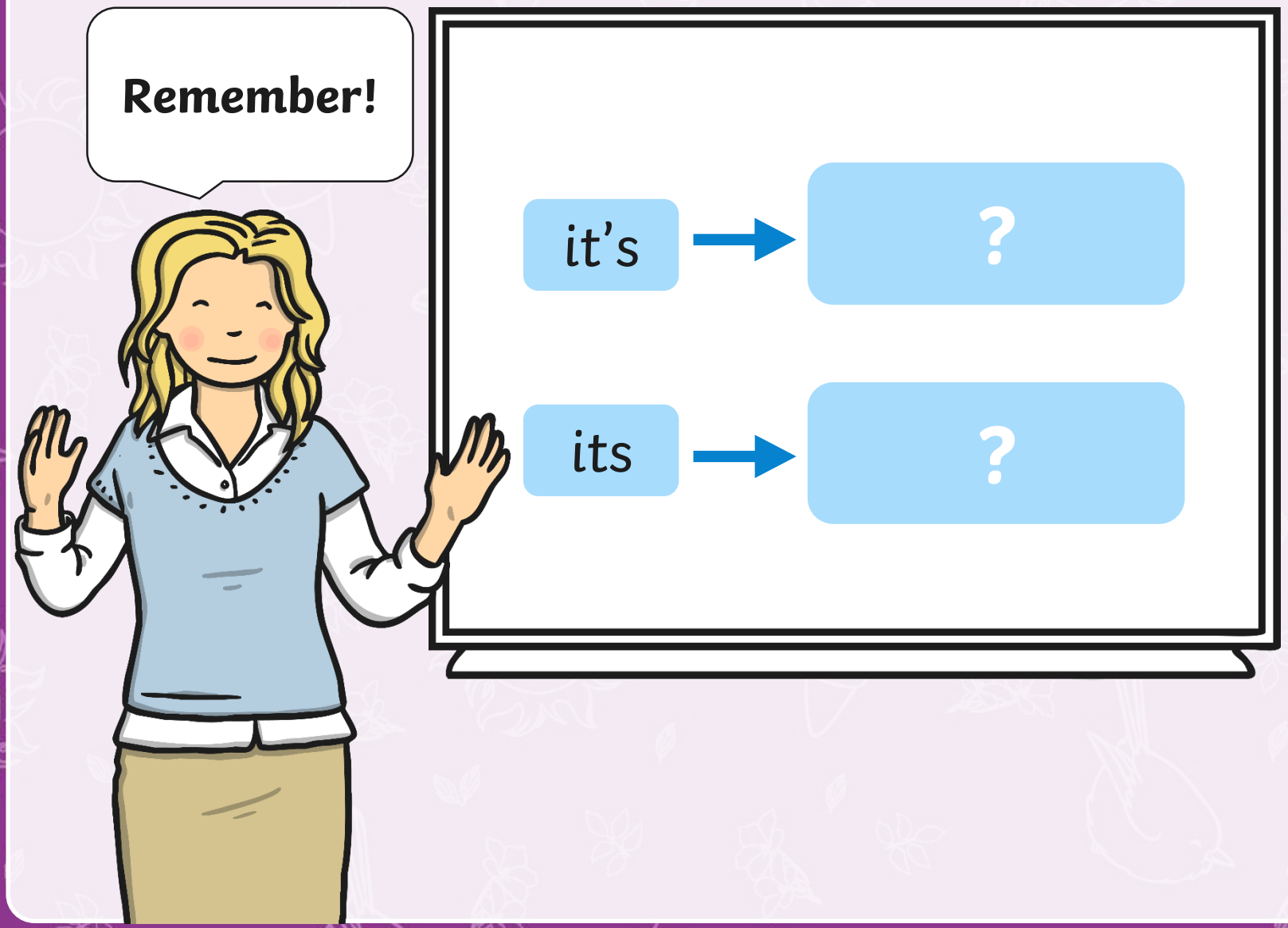
"It's dinner time!"

Here, the words **'it is'** are squeezed together to become **it's**. The apostrophe is used to show that the '**i**' from '**is**' is missing.



The cat left a trail of pawprints on the carpet because **its** paws were muddy.

Here '**its**' means 'the paws belonging to the cat' but there is no apostrophe. **It** does not follow the rule of adding apostrophe + s to show possession. You just add **s**.


Remember!
it's
?
its
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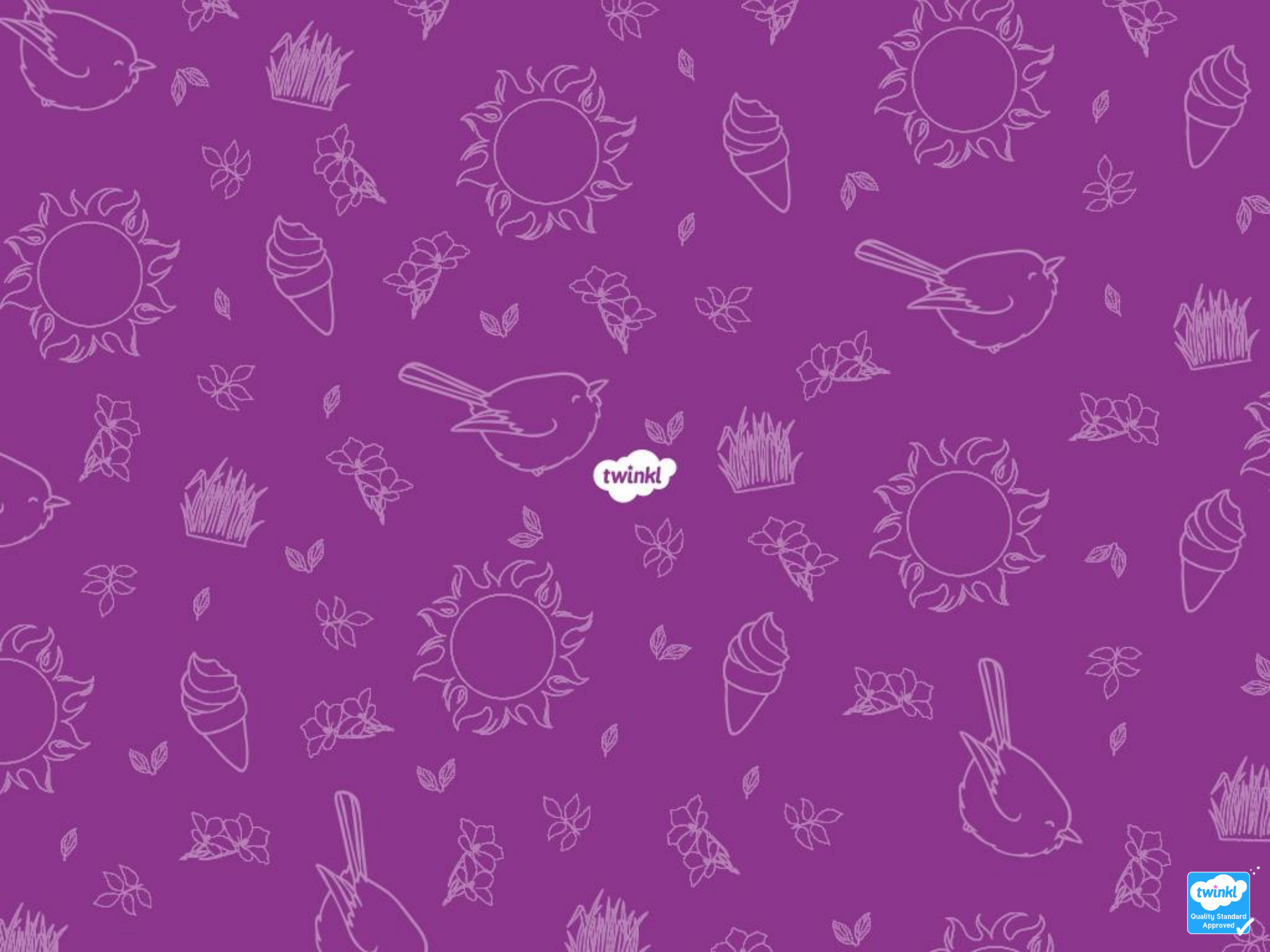
Here are this week's spellings to practise.

Megan's	the woman's
Ravi's	the school's
the girl's	a dog's
the child's	a teacher's
the man's	a postman's

Work hard to learn them and the rule we have looked at today.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