

Grammar Instruction

Grade Level: 4th

Standard: W.4.10.h Correctly use frequently confused words (e.g., to, too, two)

Focus: Their, There, and They're

Video:

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Topic Introduction & Explanation:

- Sometimes there are words that sound the same, but do not have the same spelling or meaning. This means that they are often used incorrectly.
- Today, we are going to be learning about and practicing with one of those sets of words. The ones we are focusing on today are “there,” “they’re,” and “their.” By me just saying those three words, did anyone know which one was which without having any context?
- Let’s first look at the word “their” that has “eir.” This one refers to a person’s ownership. So, if I were to use it in a sentence, it might look like this: “Over spring break, I went to my grandparents’ house. Their house is in a valley.” When I used “their” in this sentence, it refers to my grandparents, who are people, and that the house belongs to them. This “their” shows ownership. If you need a visual reminder, the anchor chart had a person in the place where the “i” would go to remind us that “their” with “eir” means person and ownership.
- Now let’s look at the “there” with an “ere.” This means a place. If I used it in a sentence, it might look like this: “I went to the store this weekend, and when I got there, I could not find a parking spot because it was busy.” In this case, I already mentioned what the place is – the store. When I referenced it again, I did not say “store.” Instead, I used “there” instead of “store.” So again, this “there” refers to a place. On the anchor chart, there is an arrow where the “r” would be to remind us that “there” with “ere” refers to place.
- As we look at the last “they’re,” we will notice that this one has “y’re.” This one means they are. It is a contraction for they are. In a sentence, it could be used like this: “The students have a field trip tomorrow. They’re going to ride the buses.” If we took the apostrophe out, the sentence would read: “The students have a field trip tomorrow. They are going to ride the buses.” So, “they’re” with “y’re” is a contraction for they are. It is a shorter way to write they are. If we forget, we can always look at this anchor chart. For

this “they’re” there is a little “a” between the “y” and the “r,” which is where the apostrophe goes to show that this means they are.