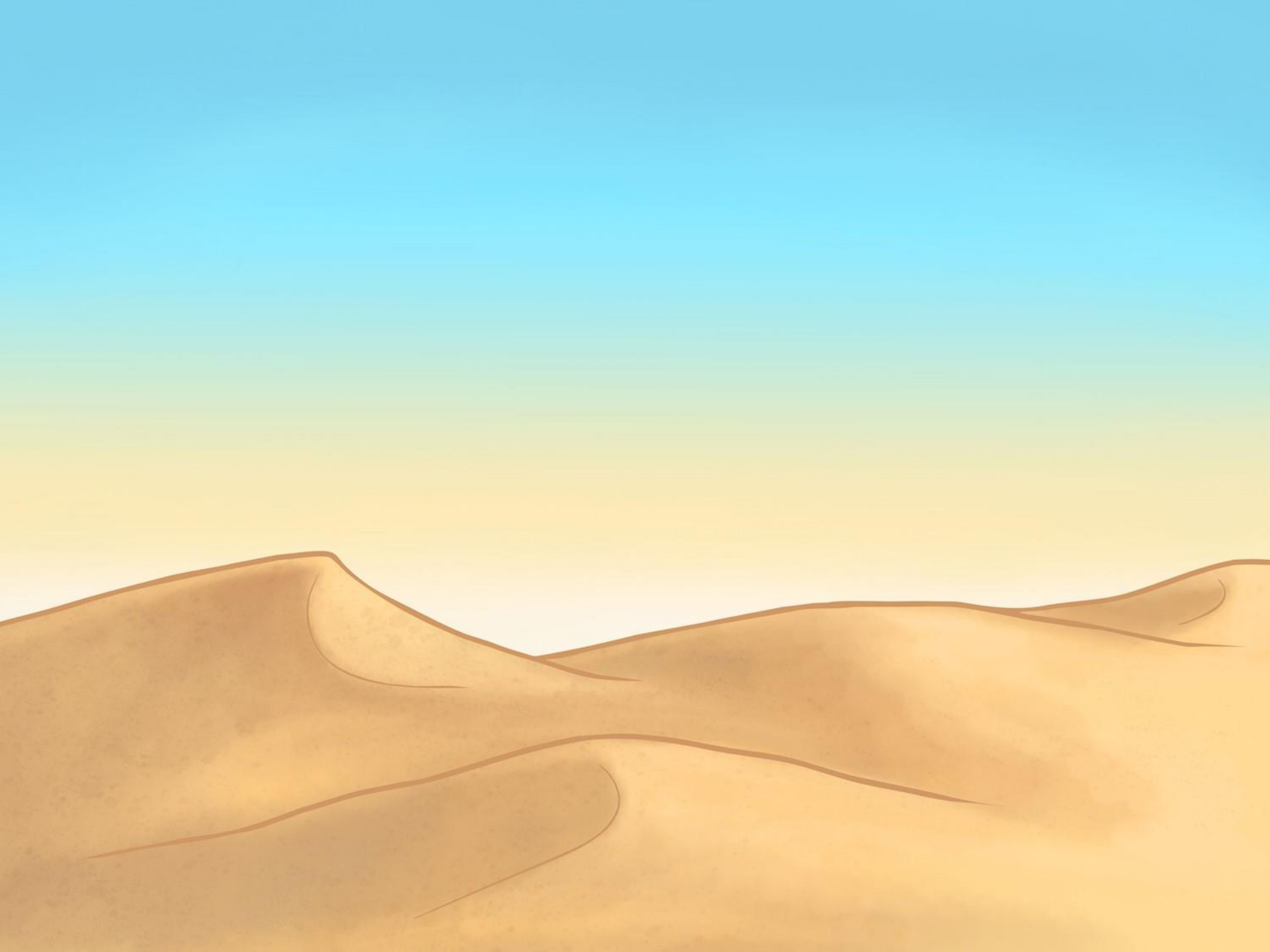# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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Aim

- I can form nouns by adding -er to verbs.

Success Criteria

- I can explain what a verb and a noun are.
- I can add the suffix -er to verbs to form nouns.
- I can add the suffix -er to a verb ending in 'y' or 'e'.
- I can add the suffix -er to a verb ending in a vowel and a single consonant.

What's The Noun

What is a verb?

What is a noun?

A verb is an action or a 'doing' word.

A noun is the name of something or someone.

What's The Noun

Bradley was asked by his teacher to put the noun and verb cards away. However, he dropped them and now they are all mixed up! Can you help him to sort them out?

Here are some of the words he dropped:

driver

swim

climb

teacher

Which are nouns and which are verbs?

What's The Noun

Bradley collected all of the noun cards together and noticed something interesting:

walker

driver

teacher

swimmer

What do you notice about all these nouns?

Some nouns can be formed by adding the suffix **-er** to the end of verbs.

What's The Noun

Look at these words. Can you see how adding **-er** changes them from a verb into a noun?

Verb	Noun
teach	teacher
drive	driver
sing	singer
paint	painter

Making Nouns by Adding -er

When we change verbs into nouns, most of the time we can just add **-er**.

learn + er = **learner**

walk + er = **walker**

play + er = **player**

But sometimes it is trickier!

When the word ends in an '**e**', we knock off the '**e**' **before** adding **-er**:

drive ⟶ driv + er = **driver**

write ⟶ writ + er = **writer**

Making Nouns by Adding -er

Look carefully at these verbs. They end in a **consonant** and a '**y**'.

worry   carry

carry

consonant   the letter y

When a verb ends in a **consonant** and the letter '**y**', we need to change the '**y**' to an '**i**', then add **-er**.

carry ⟶ carri + er = **carrier**

worry ⟶ worri + er = **worrier**

Making Nouns by Adding -er

Look carefully at these verbs. They end in a **vowel** and **one consonant**.

drum   run   swim

swim ⟵ consonant

↑
short vowel sound

When a verb ends in a **vowel** and **one consonant**, we need to **double the last consonant** to keep the vowel sound short.

swim ⟶ swimm + er = **swimmer**

jog ⟶ jogg + er = **jogger**