Stemming example

Porter's stemmer

- 5 heuristic phases of word reductions, applied sequentially
- Example of phase 1 rules:

Rule		Example	
SSE	$S \rightarrow SS$	caresses	$s \rightarrow caress$
IES	$\rightarrow I$	ponies	→ poni
SS	\rightarrow SS	caress	→ caress
S	\longrightarrow	cats	\rightarrow cat

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- Examples:
 - feet → feet cats → cat
 wolves → wolv talked → talk
- Problem: fails on irregular forms, produces non-words