



Singular & Plural Nouns Review

Spelling Rules for Forming Plural Nouns

Rule	Singular	Plural	Example Words
Most nouns - add -s	cat	cats	dog → dogs, car → cars
Nouns ending in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -z - add -es	bus	buses	box → boxes, church → churches
Nouns ending in consonant + y - change y to i and add -es	baby	babies	lady → ladies, city → cities
Nouns ending in vowel + y - just add -s	toy	toys	monkey → monkeys, key → keys
Nouns ending in -f or -fe - change f to v and add -es	wolf	wolves	knife → knives, leaf → leaves (Exceptions: roofs, chiefs)
Nouns ending in -o - add -es (for some words)	tomato	tomatoes	potato → potatoes (Exceptions: pianos, photos)
Irregular nouns - change the word completely	child	children	man → men, mouse → mice, foot → feet
Same singular and plural form	sheep	sheep	deer → deer, fish → fish

Common Irregular Plural Nouns

Singular	Plural
child	children
man	men
woman	women
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
goose	geese
mouse	mice
person	people
ox	oxen
sheep	sheep
cactus	cacti

- Write the plural form of the nouns in brackets.

- 1) I saw three **pens** (**pen**) on the table.
- 2) They built two new **churches** (**church**) in the city.
- 3) We visited four different **countries** (**country**) last year.
- 4) I received two new **toys** (**toy**) at my birthday party.
- 5) We watched four **sheep** (**sheep**) running in the meadow.
- 6) Sam lost lots of **teeth** (**tooth**) because of the accident.
- 7) My dad bought three **potatoes** (**potato**) from the market.

*Write the plural form of each of the following nouns:

1. Regular plurals (add -s)

1. book → books	3. pen → pens
2. car → cars	4. apple → apples

2. Nouns ending in -s, -x, -sh, -ch (add -es)

5. bus → buses
6. box → boxes
7. dish → dishes
8. church → churches

3. Nouns ending in consonant + y (change y to i and add -es)

9. baby → babies
10. city → cities
11. story → stories
12. country → countries

4. Nouns ending in vowel + y (just add -s)

13. key → keys
14. toy → toys
15. monkey → monkeys

5. Nouns ending in -f or -fe (change f to v and add -es)

16. leaf → leaves	18. knife → knives
17. life → lives	19. wolf → wolves

6. Add "-s" or "-es" to nouns ending in "-o"

- If a noun ending in "-o" is preceded by a vowel, just add "-s":
 - **radio** → **radios**
 - **video** → **videos**
- If a noun ending in "-o" is preceded by a consonant, usually add "-es":
 - **tomato** → **tomatoes**
 - **potato** → **potatoes**
 - **hero** → **heroes**
- **Exceptions:** Some words just take "-s", such as **piano** → **pianos**, **photo** → **photos**, **memo** → **memos**.

Exercise: Make these nouns plural:

1. echo → **echoes**
2. zoo → **zoos**
3. avocado → **avocados**
4. hero → **heroes**

7. Irregular plurals (completely change form)

20. man → men	23. tooth → teeth
21. woman → women	24. child → children
22. foot → feet	25. mouse → mice

8. Nouns that stay the same in singular and plural

26. deer → deer	28. fish → fish
27. sheep → sheep	