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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)

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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)

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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)

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 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

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