

Singular and plural forms

Nouns can be **singular (one)** or **plural (more than one)**. We change the spelling to show when there is more than one.

Usually, we can just add an **S** to the end of the word.

 1 eye	 2 eyes
 1 dog	 3 dogs
 1 jacket	 2 jackets
 1 bin	 bins

2. Write the plural of these nouns.

teacher _____

student _____

cow _____

street _____

table _____

armchair _____

television _____

Sometimes we have to change the spelling more. Nouns that end in **s**, **ch**, **sh** or **x** add **es**.

bus - buses,

glass - glasses,

watch - watches,

lunch - lunches,

brush - brushes,

box - boxes

3. Say these words out loud. Listen for the sound at the end. Listen for these words.

	dress (ssssssssss)
	house
	watch
	box

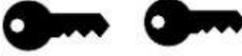
Can you hear it? When you hear **s**, **ch**, **sh** or **x** at the end of a word, we add **es**. Say these words. Listen for the **es**.

4. Try these **es** endings for plurals. Say the words

	dress ->  dresses
	house ->  houses
	watch->  watches
	box ->  boxes

Nouns that end in a consonant + y change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.

Nouns that end with a vowel + y just add **s**

one key 	 two keys
 one family	 two families

5. Write the plural of these nouns.

one (singular)	more than one (plural)
fly	<i>flies</i>
city	
family	
baby	
boy	
key	

6. Change these plural nouns back to singular.

more than one (plural)	one (singular)
babies	<i>baby</i>
toothbrushes	
students	
armchairs	
buses	
cows	
families	

7. Now say the plural form of each noun.

Singular	Plural
cat	
glass	
house	
tax	
puppy	
pencil	