

Regular and Irregular Plural Nouns



Watch the Plural Nouns video so you are ready for class!

Remember that **nouns** are words that name people, places, things, or animals. A noun is **singular** if there is one. A noun is **plural** if there are two or more.

Usually, we just add an **-s** to the end of the word to show that it is plural. Some words already end in the **S** sound or a similar sound. For those words, we add **-es**. Some words that end in **o** also use **-es**. If a word ends in **y**, we often drop the **y** and add **-ies**.

singular	plural
card	cards
princess	princesses
potato	potatoes
candy	candies



Change the sentences below. If the sentence uses a plural noun, change the number to one and make the noun singular. If the sentence uses a singular noun, increase the number and make the noun plural.

Example:

South Africa has one international airport.

South Africa has four international airports.

1. I found one insect in my house.
2. The king wears five crowns.
3. The recipe called for one potato.
4. My bed has one cushion on it.
5. My sister owns one dress.
6. I have had seven jobs in my life.
7. There was a fly in my soup.
8. Before school, I give my mom one kiss.

Some nouns are **irregular**. This means they have their own rules.



singular	plural
goose	geese
ox	oxen
child	children
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
man	men
woman	women
mouse	mice

For nouns that end in **y**, many plural forms end in **-ies** (e.g., baby - babies). If there is a vowel before the **y**, just put an **-s** at the end (e.g., monkey - monkeys). Only a few nouns ending in **o** end in **-es**. The most common ones are **potatoes**, **heroes**, **echoes**, and **vetoos**.



In the following paragraph, cross out the wrong plural form. Then, write the correct irregular form above the word.

Johannesburg is one of the biggest cities in South Africa. Many famous mans and women come from Johannesburg. Musicianses and actresss like Dave Matthews and Charlize Theron were born there. When they were childs, they worked and studied hard and practiced their skillles. Nelson Mandela might be the most famous of Johannesburg's heros. His feets have walked many of the city's street. The keis to the city have been given to some of the celebrities from there. What a great honor!