

Singular and Plural Nouns

Grammar

RULES

A **singular noun** names one person, place, or thing.

The **boy** saw a **bird** at the **beach**.

A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, or thing.

The **boys** watched the **birds** eat on the **dunes**.

Add -s to form the plural of most nouns. Add -es to form the plural of nouns ending in s, x, ch, or sh.

Singular	Plural
boy	boys
bus	buses
box	boxes
dish	dishes
beach	beaches



Guided Practice

Name the nouns in each sentence. Tell if the nouns are singular or plural.

EXAMPLE: The beach was beautiful. beach, singular

1. The day started out quietly. _____
2. The beach was crowded with sunbathers. _____
3. The waves crashed on the shore. _____
4. Several boys played football. _____
5. California and Florida have wonderful beaches for tourists. _____

A. Write the nouns in each sentence. Write singular or plural beside each noun.

6. The sunbathers heard a loud, screeching sound. _____
7. My friends on the beach turned around. _____
8. A seagull swooped down to get a cracker. _____
9. The bird was caught in some string. _____
10. Several adults helped the bird. _____

B. Write the plural form of each underlined noun.

11. The tangled bird was frightened. _____
12. Me bird could not move an inch. _____
13. Could they use a box? _____
14. The man next to the bus had an idea. _____
15. He helped the bird and set it near a bush. _____

C. Write singular or plural for the underlined nouns in each sentence

16. The sunset, and the bird flew away. _____
17. The bird grabbed a bag of peaches . _____
18. How did the helpers feel? _____
19. Watch the foxes run away. _____
20. How excited that seagulls must have been! _____