

Regular and Irregular Plural Nouns

Plural nouns name more than one person, place, or thing.

- Most plural nouns are formed by adding *-s*.
swing/swings animal/animals boy/boys
- Add *-es* to nouns ending in *ch*, *sh*, *x*, *z*, *s*, and *ss*.
fox/foxes bush/bushes church/churches address/addresses
- If a noun ends in a consonant and *y*, change *y* to *i* and add *-es*.
blueberry/blueberries pony/ponies penny/pennies
- Some nouns have **irregular plural** forms. They change spelling.
man/men tooth/teeth child/children foot/feet
- For most nouns that end in *f* or *fe*, change *f* to *v* and add *-es*.
half/halves wolf/wolves thief/thieves shelf/shelves
- Some nouns have the same singular and plural forms.
salmon trout sheep moose deer
- For compound nouns, make only the important word plural.
mothers-in-law commanders-in-chief
- When a noun ends in a vowel and *o*, add *-s*: *video/videos*, *radio/radios*.
- Check a dictionary for plurals of nouns ending in a consonant and *o*: *photo/photos*, *potato/potatoes*, *tomato/tomatoes*, *hero/heroes*.

Directions Write the plural form of the noun in parentheses.

1. They tuned their _____ (radio) to the shuttle liftoff.
2. How many _____ (mystery) does our universe hold?
3. My brother likes to read about space _____ (hero).
4. Casey had model rockets on all of his _____ (shelf).
5. Space telescopes are able to transmit amazing _____ (image).
6. Ian packed his astronomy books in _____ (box).
7. Mrs. Peck divided the class into _____ (half).
8. All of the _____ (chairman) met at the space summit.
9. Alan has seen three space shuttle _____ (launch).
10. Ellen searched three _____ (library) for books on quasars.



Home Activity Your child learned about regular and irregular plural nouns. With your child, look at labels on food products. Ask him or her to identify regular and irregular plural nouns.

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Directions Read the passage. Then read each question. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

Best Birthday Presents

(1) The new toy store in town features many exciting products for children. (2) Before their birthday partys, many parents give their children time to write wish lists. (3) Lots of children consider their hobbies. (4) Do they love to collect different stuffed animals? (5) If so, the jungle monkies, fluffy sheep, and unusual donkeys get a lot of interest. (6) Some of the stuffed animals can walk, but they require batteries. (7) Many older children ask for videos and DVDs. (8) Their new favorites include funny movies about ten moose that live in Montana and an animated film about swordfish.

1 How many plural nouns are in sentence 1?

- A 0
- B 1
- C 2
- D 3

2 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 2?

- A Change *partys* to **parties**
- B Change *parents* to **parentes**
- C Change *lists* to **lists'**
- D Make no change

3 In sentence 3, *hobbies* is which type of noun?

- A Collective
- B Regular plural
- C Irregular plural
- D Proper

4 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 5?

- A Change *donkeys* to **donkies**
- B Change *monkies* to **monkeys**
- C Change *sheep* to **sheeps**
- D Make no change

5 What are the irregular plural nouns in this paragraph?

- A products, parents, lists, hobbies
- B lots, videos, animals, donkeys
- C batteries, movies, favorites, moose
- D children, sheep, moose, swordfish



Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on regular and irregular plural nouns. Have your child make flash cards with singular and plural forms of nouns on opposite sides. Use the cards to help him or her learn plural forms.