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Spelling Rules

Rules to help spell plurals

Plural word forms are used to show that there is more than one of something:
eg *kitchen**s*** is the plural form of the word *kitchen*.

Add an 's'
This is the most common way to make a plural (eg bik**e**- bike**s**).

Write 5 more nouns below that just add –s to make the word plural:

Words ending in 'y'
If there is a **consonant** before the 'y', change the 'y' to 'i' before adding 'es' (eg lad**y** - lad**ies**).

If there is a **vowel** before the 'y', just add 's' (eg to**y** - toy**s**).

(**Vowels:** the five vowels in the alphabet are **a e i o u**.
Consonants: all the other letters in the alphabet that are not vowels are called consonants)

What is the plural of these words?

Key	monkey
Lorry	industry
Turkey	valley
Company	tray

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Words ending in 'z', 'x', 'sh', 'ch', 's' or 'ss'

For words ending in 'x', 'sh', 'ch', 's' or 'ss' add 'es' (eg chur**ch** = church**es**).

What is the plural of these words?

Box	match	business
Gas	brush	topaz

Words ending in 'f' or 'fe'

For most of these words, change the 'f' or 'fe' to 'v' before adding 'es' (eg lea**f** - lea**ves**).

What is the plural of these words?

Loaf	shelf	wolf
Thief	wife	knife
Life	half	

Watch out for the words that don't fit this rule: eg chief - chiefs. To help work out the exceptions to the rule, listen for the change in the sound when you say the word.

Some exceptions: roof = roofs, chief = chiefs, belief = beliefs, chef = chefs, cafe = cafes, handkerchief = handkerchiefs, safe = safes.

Nouns ending in 'o'

If a vowel comes before the 'o', just add –s eg radio- radios

If a consonant comes before the 'o', add –es eg tomato – tomatoes BUT piano – pianos

What is the plural of these words?

Potato	volcano	studio
Mosquito	zoo	hero

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Irregular plurals

Irregular plurals are plural word forms that don't follow any of the plural rules!

Complete the plurals of these words. Use a dictionary to help you.

Singular	Plural		Singular	Plural
man			mouse	
woman			deer	
child			sheep	
foot			ox	
tooth			fish	

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Practise what you have learned in the following exercise:

1	Box		26	Woman	
2	Brush		27	Mouse	
3	Business		28	Brother in Law	
4	Glass		29	Child	
5	Watch		30	Sheep	
6	Army		31	Tooth	
7	City		32	Secretary	
8	Fly		33	Facility	
9	Lady		34	Supply	
10	Company		35	Industry	
11	Half		36	Chimney	
12	Knife		37	Folio	
13	Leaf		38	Wheat	
14	Life		39	Stepchild	
15	Loaf		40	Burglar	
16	Shelf		41	Tomato	
17	Thief		42	Injury	
18	Wolf		43	Foot	
19	Chief		44	Gentleman	
20	Roof		45	Cargo	
21	Hero		46	Laundry	
22	Potato		47	Puppy	
23	Piano		48	Studio	
24	Valley		49	Handful	
25	Echo		50	Deer	