



Most plurals are formed by adding **s** to the singular form, as in chains. If a word ends in **x**, **ss**, **sh**, or **ch**, add **es** to form the plural, as in foxes and bosses.

List Words

axes

waxes

matches

sandwiches

eyelashes

sashes

ditches

flashes

churches

paces

Write a **list word** to match each definition.

1. bright bursts of light _____
2. cloths worn at waists _____
3. sticks to light a fire _____
4. hairs on eyelids _____
5. tools to chop wood _____
6. holes in the ground _____
7. meals between bread _____
8. makes surfaces shiny _____
9. places of worship _____
10. steps taken _____

Lesson 26



If a word ends in **vowel-y**, add **s**, as in valleys. If it ends in **consonant-y**, change **y** to **i** and add **es**, as in duties.

List Words

holidays
flies
groceries
libraries
batteries
injuries
cherries
melodies
surveys
communities

Write a **list word** to complete each sentence.

1. _____ loan books.
2. _____ are common insects.
3. School is closed on _____.
4. Portable radios run on _____.
5. I made a pie with fresh _____.
6. _____ are made up of families.
7. Don sang three new _____.
8. We were told to fill out _____.
9. Helmets have prevented _____.
10. Those _____ will feed us for a week.

Lesson 27



If a word ends in **f** or **fe**, usually change the **f** or **fe** to **v** and add **es**, as in scarves. Some words change their vowel sound or spelling to make the plural form, as in teeth. Others have the same form for singular and plural, as in bison.

List Words

mice
knives
halves
calves
sheep
oxen
geese
chiefs
buffaloes
hoofs

Write the **list words** in alphabetical order.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
7. _____
9. _____



6. _____
8. _____
10. _____

Lesson 28



Use apostrophes in contractions, as in where's and wouldn't. Singular possessives and those made from irregular plurals take 's, as in sister's and child's.

List Words

she'll
they'll
we're
bicycle's
Arizona's
cousin's
Florida's
uncle's
doctor's
hasn't

Write the **list word** that is part of each word given.

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| 1. has _____ | 6. Florida _____ |
| 2. Arizona _____ | 7. we _____ |
| 3. bicycle _____ | 8. uncle _____ |
| 4. cousin _____ | 9. doctor _____ |
| 5. she _____ | 10. they _____ |

Lesson 29



Form the possessive of a plural word that ends in s by adding an apostrophe, as in dresses'. Plural words that do not end in s add 's, as in women's.

List Words

passengers'
families'
umpires'
airlines'
hostesses'
banjos'
men's
children's
members'
businesses'

Circle the correct form of the **list word** in each group. Then, write the **list word** on the line.

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| 1. banjose' banjos' | _____ |
| 2. businesses' businesses's | _____ |
| 3. mens' men's | _____ |
| 4. hostesse's hostesses' | _____ |
| 5. umpires's umpires' | _____ |
| 6. members' members's | _____ |
| 7. children's childrens' | _____ |
| 8. families's families' | _____ |
| 9. passengers' passengers's | _____ |
| 10. airlines' airlineses' | _____ |