

**TIP**

Most words ending in **f/fe** change the **f/fe** to **v** and add **es** to make plurals.

calf—calves   knife—knives

A few words ending in **f** just add **s**.

chief—chiefs   hoof—hoofs

Words ending in **o** add **s** or **es**.

buffalo—buffaloes

Irregular plurals change their spelling or stay the same.

mouse—mice   sheep—sheep

**LIST WORDS**

1. teeth
2. mice
3. women
4. knives
5. leaves
6. halves
7. loaves
8. lives
9. calves
10. moose
11. sheep
12. oxen
13. yourselves
14. geese
15. chiefs
16. buffaloes
17. handkerchiefs
18. scarves
19. hoofs
20. bison

# Spelling Practice

**Writing Irregular Plurals**

Write the **list word** that is the plural form of each word given.

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|------------------|-----------|
| 1. hoof          | 13. moose |
| 2. knife         | 14. mouse |
| 3. sheep         | 15. loaf  |
| 4. chief         | 16. goose |
| 5. ox            | 17. scarf |
| 6. half          | 18. tooth |
| 7. bison         | 19. calf  |
| 8. leaf          | 20. woman |
| 9. life          |           |
| 10. handkerchief |           |
| 11. buffalo      |           |
| 12. yourself     |           |

## Comparing Words

The first two underlined words in each sentence are related. Write a **list word** that has the same relationship to the third underlined word.

1. Feet are to people as \_\_\_\_\_ are to horses.
2. Patties are to hamburgers as \_\_\_\_\_ are to bread.
3. Walk is to legs as chew is to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Men are to boys as \_\_\_\_\_ are to girls.
5. Scissors are to paper as \_\_\_\_\_ are to meat.
6. Belts are to waists as \_\_\_\_\_ are to necks.
7. Hay is to horses as cheese is to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Captains are to police as \_\_\_\_\_ are to firemen.
9. Napkins are to hands as \_\_\_\_\_ are to noses.

## Riddle

Read each definition clue. Write **list words** in the spaces. Then, use the numbered letters to solve the riddle.

1. parts of a whole \_\_\_\_\_ 8
2. young cows or bulls \_\_\_\_\_ 1
3. birds that swim \_\_\_\_\_ 7
4. members of the ox family \_\_\_\_\_ 2
5. your own selves \_\_\_\_\_ 6 9
6. animals related to deer \_\_\_\_\_ 4
7. wild oxen \_\_\_\_\_ 3 10

**Riddle:** What is most useful when it is used up?

**Answer:** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

# Spelling and Writing



## Proofreading

This informational article has nine mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

Have you ever wondered what the difference was between an animal's horns and antlers? Goats, sheeps, cattle, oxes, and buffalos have horns. Horns can appear on both male and female animals. Horns are made of bone and are covered by a tough layer of skin. They grow out of the the animal's skull and may curve, but they do not branch. Horned animals have one set of horns for their entire lifes.

Deer, mooses, and elk have antlers. Antlers usually appear only on male animals. The animal loses its antlers every year. That leaves it to grow back a new set inthe spring. Like horns, antlers grow from the animal's skull. Antlers can can grow quite large and often form many branches.

## Proofreading Marks

- spelling mistake
- ^ add something
- ~ take out something

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_