

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

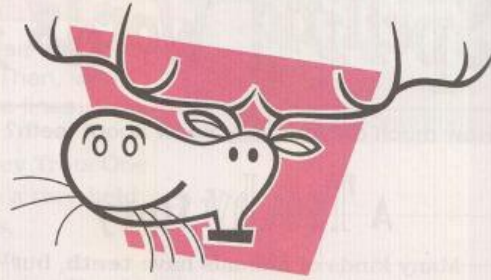
Irregular plurals change their spelling or stay the same.

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.

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. parts of a whole | _____ 8 _____ |
| 2. young cows or bulls | _____ 1 _____ |
| 3. birds that swim | _____ 7 _____ |
| 4. members of the ox family | _____ 5 _____ 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.

Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  add something
-  take out something

Have you ever wondered what the difference was between an animal's horns and antlers? Goats, sheep, 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 leavs 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.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____