

## Singular and plural forms

Nouns can be **singular (one)** or **plural (more than one)**. We change the spelling to show when there is more than one.

Usually, we can just add an **S** to the end of the word.

 1 eye	 2 eyes
 1 dog	 3 dogs
 1 jacket	 2 jackets 
 1 bin	 bins

2. Write the plural of these nouns.

teacher \_\_\_\_\_

student \_\_\_\_\_

cow \_\_\_\_\_

street \_\_\_\_\_

table \_\_\_\_\_

armchair \_\_\_\_\_

television \_\_\_\_\_

Sometimes we have to change the spelling more. Nouns that end in **s**, **ch**, **sh** or **x** add **es**.

bus - buses,

lunch - lunches,

glass - glasses,

brush - brushes,

watch - watches,

box - boxes

3. Say these words out loud. Listen for the sound at the end. Listen for

- dress**ss** (sssssssssss)
- house**se** (sssssssssss)
- watch**ch** (ch)
- box**x** (x)

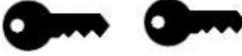
Can you hear it? When you hear **s**, **ch**, **sh** or **x** at the end of a word, we add **es**. Say these words. Listen for the **es**.

4. Try these **es** endings for plurals. Say the words

	 dress -> dresses <b>es</b>
	house -> houses <b>es</b>
	watch->watches <b>es</b>
	box -> boxes <b>es</b>

Nouns that end in a consonant + y change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.

Nouns that end with a vowel + y just add **s**

one key 	 two keys
 one family	  two families

5. Write the plural of these nouns.

one (singular)	more than one (plural)
fly	<i>flies</i>
city	
family	
baby	
boy	
key	

6. Change these plural nouns back to singular.

<b>more than one (plural)</b>	<b>one (singular)</b>
babies	<i>baby</i>
toothbrushes	
students	
armchairs	
buses	
cows	
families	