

singular and plural nouns *cat, cats; box, boxes*

Countable nouns have different forms for **singular** and **plural**.

one *car* four *cars* one *day* ten *days* one *baby* four *babies* one *child* six *children*

HOW TO MAKE PLURALS

- **most nouns: + -s** book → *books* home → *homes* car → *cars*
- **-s, -sh, -ch, -x: + -es** bus → *buses* wish → *wishes* church → *churches* fox → *foxes*

1 Write the plurals.

apple ✓	boss ✓	box	brush	cat	chair	church	class	dress	garden	gas
glass	hotel	plane	ship	table	time	tree	watch	wish		

+ -S: *apples*
 + -ES: *bosses*

NOUNS ENDING IN -Y

- **-ay, -ey, -oy, -uy: + -s** day → *days* monkey → *monkeys* toy → *toys*
- **-by, -dy, -fy, -gy, etc: -y → -ies** baby → *babies* lady → *ladies* lorry → *lorries*

2 Write the plurals.

boy ✓	city ✓	copy	country	family	guy	holiday	key	party	way
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+ -S: *boys*
 -Y → -IES: *cities*

COMMON IRREGULAR PLURALS

mouse → <i>mice</i>	child → <i>children</i>	half → <i>halves</i>	shelf → <i>shelves</i>
foot → <i>feet</i>	penny → <i>pence</i>	knife → <i>knives</i>	thief → <i>thieves</i>
tooth → <i>teeth</i>	person → <i>people</i>	leaf → <i>leaves</i>	wife → <i>wives</i>
man → <i>men</i>		life → <i>lives</i>	
woman → <i>women</i>	potato → <i>potatoes</i>	loaf → <i>loaves</i>	sheep → <i>sheep</i>
	tomato → <i>tomatoes</i>	self → <i>selves</i>	fish → <i>fish</i>

Simple present verbs have different forms after **singular** and **plural** nouns (see page 16).

This *bus runs* at weekends. Most of the *buses run* at weekends.
 My *brother has* a small flat. Both my *brothers have* good jobs.

3 Put in plural nouns or simple present verbs.

- ▶ Their homes *are* in Scotland. (be)
- Our play a lot of football. (*child*)
 - Those don't look English. (*student*)
 - Some people to talk to you. (*want*)
 - Big are always dirty. (*city*)
 - Their are travelling with them. (*wife*)
 - These knivesn't cut very well. (*do*)
 - My are giving me trouble. (*tooth*)
 - Those cost too much. (*watch*)
 - Most cry at night. (*baby*)
 - The are all wet. (*match*)
 - Who are those? (*guy*)
 - My parents at home. (*work*)
 - How many live here? (*person*)