

# 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* .....  
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## 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* .....  
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## COMMON IRREGULAR PLURALS

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

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 ..... in Scotland. (be)  
1 Our ..... play a lot of football. (child)  
2 Those ..... don't look English. (student)  
3 Some people ..... to talk to you. (want)  
4 Big ..... are always dirty. (city)  
5 Their ..... are travelling with them. (wife)  
6 These knives ..... n't cut very well. (do)

7 My ..... are giving me trouble. (tooth)  
8 Those ..... cost too much. (watch)  
9 Most ..... cry at night. (baby)  
10 The ..... are all wet. (match)  
11 Who are those .....? (guy)  
12 My parents ..... at home. (work)  
13 How many ..... live here? (person)