

Plural of nouns

I Choose the plural forms of the following words:

tomato *tomatos / tomatoes*

box *boxs / boxes*

kilo *kilos/ kiloes*

photo *photos / photoes*

Explanation: the last two words are of foreign origin and add -S only! Other nouns ending in -o normally add -es.

II Choose the plural forms of these words:

Knife *knifes / knives*

Leaf *leaf / leaves*

Loaf *loafs / loaves*

Explanation: Some nouns ending in -f change -f into -v and then add -es. (*calf, half, knife, leaf, loaf, self, shelf, thief, wife, wolf, elf, hoof, scarf, wharf*)

Other nouns ending in -f only add -s.

III Write the plural forms of these words:

foot

goose

mouse

woman

man

tooth

child

louse

ox

deer

sheep

Explanation: These words have irregular plural forms!

IV Complete the following sentences:

1. Watch out! The police _____ coming.
2. The trousers I bought yesterday _____ the wrong size.
3. Billiards _____ my favourite game.
4. The news _____ great!

Explanation: The following nouns always take verbs in plural forms: clothes / police/ pants / pyjamas / trousers/ pliers/ scissors / glasses / scales/ arms

These always take verbs in singular form: news / billiards / darts / dominoes



V What are the plural forms of these **compound** words?

boy-friend

man-driver

passer-by

travel-agent

woman-driver

runner - up

sister – in – law

Explanation: In the first group the last word is plural

In the second both words are plural

In the third group the first word is plural