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



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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

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