

**RULES TO MAKE PLURAL NOUNS:**

Plural word forms are used to show that there is more than one. E.g. *kitchens* is the plural form of *kitchen*.

**Add an "s"**

- It is the most common way to make a plural.  
E.g. *bike* – *bikes*

Write 5 nouns that just add **-s** to make the word plural.

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**Words ending in "y"**

- If there is a consonant before the **y**, change the **y** to **i** then add **-es**  
E.g. *lady* – *ladies*
- If there is a vowel before **y**, add **s**  
E.g. *toy* – *toys*

What is the plural of these words?

Key \_\_\_\_\_

monkey \_\_\_\_\_

lorry \_\_\_\_\_

industry \_\_\_\_\_

turkey \_\_\_\_\_

valley \_\_\_\_\_

company \_\_\_\_\_

tray \_\_\_\_\_

**Words ending in "z", "x", "sh", "ch", "s", or "ss"**

For words ending in **z**, **x**, **sh**, **ch**, **s**, or **ss** add **-es**  
E.g. *church* – *churches*

What are the plural of these words?

Box \_\_\_\_\_

Match \_\_\_\_\_

Business \_\_\_\_\_

Gas \_\_\_\_\_

Brush \_\_\_\_\_

Topaz \_\_\_\_\_

**Words ending in "f", or "fe"**

For words ending in **f**, **fe**, **ef** change to **v** then add **-es**  
E.g. *leaf* – *leaves*

What is the plural of these words?

wolf \_\_\_\_\_

knife \_\_\_\_\_

half \_\_\_\_\_

life \_\_\_\_\_

shelf \_\_\_\_\_

wife \_\_\_\_\_

thief \_\_\_\_\_

Some exceptions:

Chief – chiefs

roof – roofs

belief – beliefs

chef – chefs

safe – safes

Handkerchief – handkerchiefs

### Words ending in "o"

- If a vowel comes before the "o" add "-s"  
E.g. radio – radios
- If a consonant comes before the "o" add "-es" except piano – pianos  
E.g. tomato – tomatoes

What is the plural of these words?

potato \_\_\_\_\_ zoo \_\_\_\_\_ hero \_\_\_\_\_

Volcano \_\_\_\_\_ studio \_\_\_\_\_ Mosquito \_\_\_\_\_

### Irregular plurals

- Do not follow the rules
- Use a dictionary to complete

What is the plural of these words?

man \_\_\_\_\_ woman \_\_\_\_\_ child \_\_\_\_\_

foot \_\_\_\_\_ tooth \_\_\_\_\_ mouse \_\_\_\_\_

deer \_\_\_\_\_ sheep \_\_\_\_\_ ox \_\_\_\_\_

fish \_\_\_\_\_

### PRACTICE:

1. Box	2. Lady
3. Brush	4. Company
5. Business	6. Half
7. Glass	8. Knife
9. Watch	10. Woman
11. Army	12. Mouse
13. City	14. Brother-in-law
15. fly	16. Child
17. sheep	18. Tooth
19. Secretary	20. Facility
21. Supply	22. Industry
23. Chimney	24. Folio
25. Leaf	26. Wheat
27. Life	28. Stepchild
29. Loaf	30. Burglar
31. Shelf	32. Tomato
33. Thief	34. Injury
35. Wolf	36. Foot
37. Chief	38. Gentleman
39. Roof	40. Cargo
41. Hero	42. Laundry
43. Potato	44. Puppy
45. Piano	46. Studio
47. Valley	48. Echo
49. Deer	50. fish