

Singular and plural nouns

I can form the plural of a range of regular and irregular nouns.

- 1 Complete the spelling rules in column A with the plural endings below.

-es -es -ies -s -s -s -ves

A Spelling rules	B Examples
1 To make the plural of most nouns we add .	¹ <u>singer</u> – <u>singers</u>
2 If the noun ends in -s, -sh, -ch, -z, or -x, we add .	²
3 If the noun ends in -o, we add or sometimes .	³
4 If the noun ends in a consonant + -y, we change -y to .	⁴
5 If the noun ends in a vowel + -y, we add .	⁵
6 If the noun ends in -f or -fe, we change -f or -fe to .	⁶
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- 2 Complete column B in exercise 1 with the underlined nouns in the text below. Write the singular and plural forms.

Famous families

WILL SMITH is a famous actor. His wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, is an actress, singer and businesswoman. They have got two children, Jaden and Willow. Jaden is an actor too – the star of 'The Karate Kid' – and Willow is a singer and dancer. The family have got a charity. The Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation. It helps poor young people in American cities.



SERENA AND VENUS WILLIAMS come from a large family – with five girls and no boys! They are both famous tennis players. Venus is the winner of seven singles Grand Slams. She is the first black woman to be Number 1 in the world. Venus has got a clothes company that makes dresses, skirts and tops. Serena is the winner of more tennis matches than any other female player. She speaks French, Italian and Spanish – and English, of course. She has got a tattoo of a heart on her neck.



- 3 Which rules in exercise 1 do these nouns follow? Write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.

a dictionary	4	d box	
b day		e potato	
c knife		f brother	

- 4 Complete the sentences with the plural forms of the nouns in exercise 3.

- There are seven in a week.
- We've got fifteen English on the shelf in our classroom.
- I've got a sister and two .
- I keep my CDs in two under my bed.
- Let's have steak, and peas for dinner.
- Can you put the plates, , forks and spoons on the table, please?

- 5 Look at the *italic* words in the text in exercise 2. Add them to the rules below. If possible, write the singular and plural forms.

- Some nouns have irregular plural forms.
- Some nouns are always plural.
- Some nouns have no plural form. We call these uncountable nouns.

- 6 Complete the sentences with the words below. Sometimes you need to change the form.

help jeans man sunglasses tooth water

- Can you give me some with my homework? It's very difficult.
- 'I'm thirsty.' 'Have a glass of .
- Always brush your before you go to bed.
- The sun is very bright. Where are my .
- Joe has got a white top and blue .
- Can you see those two over there? They're my uncles.

VOCAB BOOST!

When you learn a new noun, make a note of the plural form and check if it follows one of the rules in exercise 1 or if it is irregular. You can find the plural forms in a dictionary.

- 7 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Write the plural forms of the nouns below. Use a dictionary to help you.

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