- **Irregular Plurals:** *man* – ***men***, *woman* – ***women***, *foot* – ***feet***, *tooth* – ***teeth***, *goose* – ***geese***, *louse* – ***lice***, *mouse* – ***mice***, *sheep* – ***sheep***, *deer* – ***deer***, *fish* – ***fish***, *trout* – ***trout***, *ox* – ***oxen***, *child* – ***children***, *salmon* – ***salmon***, *spacecraft* – ***spacecraft***, *aircraft* – ***aircraft***, *hovercraft* – ***hovercraft***, *means* – ***means***, *species* – ***species***

## 1 Write the plural of the following nouns.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | nanny | ..nannies.. | 11 | bush | ..... | 21 | aircraft | ..... |
| 2 | father-in-law | ..... | 12 | pen-friend | ..... | 22 | watch | ..... |
| 3 | headache | ..... | 13 | video | ..... | 23 | crisis | ..... |
| 4 | dictionary | ..... | 14 | passer-by | ..... | 24 | bay | ..... |
| 5 | zoo-keeper | ..... | 15 | violin | ..... | 25 | flamingo | ..... |
| 6 | phone | ..... | 16 | wife | ..... | 26 | taxi driver | ..... |
| 7 | hoof | ..... | 17 | volcano | ..... | 27 | potato | ..... |
| 8 | radio | ..... | 18 | mouse | ..... | 28 | safe | ..... |
| 9 | train robbery | ..... | 19 | godfather | ..... | 29 | onlooker | ..... |
| 10 | painkiller | ..... | 20 | wish | ..... | 30 | walking stick | ..... |

## 2 Write the plural of the nouns in brackets.

# London ZOO

London Zoo has been open to the public since 1847. Today, it holds around 755 1) ..species.. **(species)** of animals, making it one of the biggest 2) ..... **(zoo)** in Britain. Although London Zoo is not home to many large animals such as 3) ..... **(rhino)** or 4) ..... **(elephant)**, there is still a lot to see! Our aquarium contains thousands of colourful 5) ..... **(fish)** from around the world and the amazing Gorilla Kingdom holds a number of 6) ..... **(gorilla)**! Another popular section of the zoo is Into Africa. Here you can see a number of Africa's wild 7) ..... **(beast)** including 8) ..... **(zebra)** and 9) ..... **(giraffe)**. Also, don't miss the chance to take fantastic 10) ..... **(photo)** at Butterfly Paradise; one of the biggest collections of 11) ..... **(butterfly)** in London. So, for the perfect day out for both 12) ..... **(adult)** and 13) ..... **(child)**, come and visit London Zoo!

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- **Group nouns refer to a group of people. These nouns can take either a singular or a plural verb depending on whether we see the group as a whole or as individuals. Such *group nouns* are: army, audience, class, club, committee, company, council, crew, crowd, headquarters, family, jury, government, press, public, staff, team, etc.** *The **team was** the best in the country.* (= the team as a group); *The **team were** all given medals.* (= each member separately as individuals)
- **With expressions of duration, distance or money meaning *'a whole amount'* we use a singular verb.**
  *Two weeks **isn't** long to wait. Ten miles **is** a long way to ride. Ten thousand pounds **is** too much to spend on house repairs.*

**Some nouns can be used as countable or uncountable, with a difference in meaning.**

| | |
|---|---|
| • *Give me a piece of **paper**, please!* | • *The police asked to see his **papers**. (documents)* |
| • *The needle of a **compass** always points North.* | • *You can draw a perfect circle with **compasses**.* |
| • *It is a **custom** to give presents at birthdays.* | • *All plane passengers were searched at **customs**.* |
| • *She has a lot of **experience** in teaching.* | • *We had lots of exciting **experiences** on our trip.* |
| • *Would you like a **glass** of milk?* | • *He can't see very well without his **glasses**. (spectacles)* |
| • *She has got long, blonde **hair**. (head of hair)* | • *There are two **hairs** in your milk! (2 single hairs)* |
| • *They were shocked at the **scale** of the disaster.* | • *She weighed herself on the **scales**. (weighing machine)* |
| • *The bowl is made of **wood**. (the material)* | • *The girls got lost in the **woods**. (forest)* |
| • *He goes to **work** every day except Sunday.* | • *Picasso's **works** are really fascinating. (creations)* |
| • *There were many **people** waiting outside.* | • *All **peoples** of the world should live in peace. (nations)* |
| • *Don't go out in the **rain** without an umbrella.* | • *In some climates the **rains** come twice a year.* |

## 5 Write *(C)* if the noun is countable or *(U)* if it is uncountable, as in the example.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | child | ..C.. | 4 | fruit | ..... | 7 | desk | ..... | 10 | oil | ..... |
| 2 | Literature | ..... | 5 | dirt | ..... | 8 | butter | ..... | 11 | smog | ..... |
| 3 | host | ..... | 6 | news | ..... | 9 | leaf | ..... | 12 | golf | ..... |

## 6 Suzanne is going into town to buy the items in the pictures below. Write out her shopping list.

1 ..a carton of milk...
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....
8 .....



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