2A singular and plural nouns

a / an, plurals

singular nouns	plural nouns	2.2
It's **a** book.	They're **books**.	
It's **a** watch.	They're **watches**.	
It's **a** diary.	They're **diaries**.	
It's **an** umbrella.	They're **umbrellas**.	
It's **an** identity card.	They're **identity cards**.	

- We use *a / an* with singular nouns.
- We use *an* with a noun beginning with a vowel (*a, e, i, o, u*).
- We use *a* with nouns beginning with *u* or *eu* when the sound = /juː/, e.g. *a university, a euro*.
- We don't use *a / an* with plural nouns.
  They're books. **NOT** ~~*They're a books.*~~

the

Look at ***the*** *board.*
Answer ***the*** *questions.*

- We use *the* when we know which board, questions, etc.
  Look at the board. **NOT** ~~*Look at a board.*~~
- We use *the* with singular and plural nouns (*the board, the questions*).

regular plurals

singular	plural	spelling
a book a key	books keys	add *-s*
a watch a box	watches boxes	add *-es* after *ch, sh, s, x*
a country a dictionary	countries dictionaries	consonant + *y* = *y* *-ies*

- We add *-s* (or *-es* or *-ies*) to make plural nouns.
  It's a pen. They're pens.
- With two-word nouns, we add *-s* (or *-es* or *-ies*) to the second noun.
  credit card, credit cards **NOT** ~~*credits cards*~~

irregular plurals

singular	plural
a man /mæn/	men /men/
a woman /ˈwʊmən/	women /ˈwɪmɪn/
a child /tʃaɪld/	children /ˈtʃɪldrən/
a person /ˈpɜːsn/	people /ˈpiːpl/

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a Complete with *a* or *an*. Write the plural.

	singular	plural
	a photo	*photos*
1	_____ window	_____
2	_____ key	_____
3	_____ identity card	_____
4	_____ country	_____
5	_____ watch	_____
6	_____ exercise	_____
7	_____ person	_____
8	_____ email	_____
9	_____ box	_____
10	_____ woman	_____

b Write sentences with *It's* or *They're* (and *a* or *an* if necessary).

	pen	*It's a pen.*
	buses	*They're buses.*
1	children	_____
2	purse	_____
3	men	_____
4	umbrella	_____
5	sunglasses	_____
6	scissors	_____
7	charger	_____
8	diaries	_____
9	coin	_____
10	egg	_____

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