

2 GRAMMAR singular and plural nouns

a Complete the chart. Why is it **a pen** but **an umbrella**?

Singular	Plural
	a pen
	an umbrella
	— — —
	— — —
	two pens
	two — — —
	two watches
	two diaries

3 PRONUNCIATION final -s and -es

a  2.3 Listen to the words and sounds. Then listen and repeat.

	snake	books lamps tickets
	zebra	keys pens photos
/ɪz/		glasses purses watches



Final -s or -es

Final -s or -es after nouns ending in ce, ch, ge, se, sh, ss and x = /ɪz/, e.g. *glasses*, *purses*, *watches*.

b  2.4 Read the rule.  Circle the words where -es is pronounced /ɪz/. Listen and check.

1 classes

4 boxes

7 pages

2 files

5 pieces

8 phones

3 headphones

6 tissues