

Language Focus

Plural Nouns

A plural noun is a noun that refers to more than one person, place, thing, or idea. Most singular nouns are made plural by adding a suffix, usually -s or -es. There are many different rules regarding pluralization depending on what letter a noun ends in. Irregular nouns do not follow plural noun rules, so they must be memorized.

Regular Nouns

ADD -S

1 car	2 cars	1 friend	2 friends
1 book	2 books	1 bear	2 bears
1 apple	2 apples	1 zebra	2 zebras
1 bug	2 bugs	1 dog	2 dogs

1 computer 2 _____

1 river 2 _____

Ends in S, Ch, Sh, X or Z

ADD -ES

1 bus	2 buses
1 match	2 matches
1 dish	2 dishes

1 box 2 _____

Ends in F or Fe

REMOVE F/FE

1 elf	2 elves
1 calf	2 calves
1 life	2 lives

1 leaf 2 _____

Ends in a Vowel + O

ADD -S

1 zoo	2 zoos
1 video	2 videos
1 kangaroo	2 kangaroos

1 radio 2 _____

Ends in a Consonant + O

ADD -ES

1 echo	2 echoes
1 tomato	2 tomatoes
1 potato	2 potatoes

1 mango 2 _____

Ends in Vowel + Y

ADD -S

1 day	2 days
1 boy	2 boys
1 key	2 keys

1 guy 2 _____

Ends in Consonant + Y

REMOVE
Y

ADD -IES

1 baby	2 babies
1 story	2 stories
1 city	2 cities

1 fly 2 _____

Irregular Nouns

1 man	2 men
1 foot	2 feet
1 child	2 children
1 tooth	2 teeth
1 mouse	2 mice
1 person	2 people
1 ox	2 oxen
1 woman	2 women
1 goose	2 geese

1 woman 2 _____

No Change

1 sheep	2 sheep
1 fish	2 fish
1 series	2 series
1 species	2 species
1 deer	2 deer
1 aircraft	2 aircraft
1 rice	2 rice
1 pajamas	2 pajamas

1 series 2 _____