IRREGULAR PLURALS

1. READ THE STATEMENTS. IDENTIFY THE IRREGULAR PLURAL NOUNS. WRITE THEIR SINGULAR FORMS.

a. Education has always been a top priority for people in the United States.
b. 90% of American children attend public schools.
c. Children in art classes experience drawing using their feet, which helps them develop compassion and creativity.
d. In the United States, about 76% of public school teachers are women and 24% are men.
e. Playing dice games in the classroom fosters collaboration and motivation and develops students' problem solving skills.
f. Successful students know how to balance time between friends, extracurricular activities, family, and learning.



LANGUAGE TIP

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Most nouns are easily made plural with a few simple changes, such as adding an "s" or "es" to the end of the word. One group of nouns doesn't follow these rules. They are called **irregular nouns**.

An irregular noun is a noun that becomes plural by changing its spelling. This change can happen in a variety of ways.

child – children
ox - oxen
foot – feet
goose – geese
tooth – teeth
man – men
woman – women
mouse – mice
louse – lice
die – dice
penny – pence (Br.E.)

person – 1. persons (a very formal word, used more in legalistic contexts)
2. people (to refer to groups of human beings in general)
brother – 1. brothers (people having the same parents)
2. brethren (used as a form of address to members of a community)

2. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TEXT USING THE IRREGULAR PLURALS OF THE NOUNS IN THE GRAMMAR BOX.

LEARNING WITH NATURE



Since experiencing is a healthy part of _____'s development, our teacher once decided to take us outdoors and use elements of nature for teaching.

We need an education that includes learning and understanding how the world is. For many _____ this is an essential part of life.

Walking with your _____ directly touching the soil decreases your feelings of anxiety and stress. Moreover, playing "Scavenger Hunt" outdoors is real fun. We were supposed to seek different things we had on our lists.

The task was quite easy since we were on a farm. First we rolled the _____ to make the teams and then the fun began. I have never thought that you can learn so many things by playing some educational games outside. We were searching for the things on our lists and we finally found some _____ and took a feather. We had to find a small animal. By chance, we saw some _____ there, but for a big animal, we have selected some _____ . The most difficult thing for us to search for was something disgusting and just when we were ready to give up, a cat was passing by. We caught her and found some _____ in her fur. Even though it was not very pleasant, we had the chance to win the game, and as a reward, the teacher gave us some _____ . In the end we learned a lot of new things about farming from local _____ . We made a great team, becoming real _____ .

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