

# Singular and Plural Nouns

## Grammar

### RULES

A **singular noun** names one person, place, or thing.

The **boy** saw a **bird** at the **beach**.

A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, or thing.

The **boys** watched the **birds** eat on the **dunes**.

Add -s to form the plural of most nouns. Add -es to form the plural of nouns ending in s, x, ch, or sh.

Singular	Plural
boy	boys
bus	buses
box	boxes
dish	dishes
beach	beaches



### Guided Practice

Name the nouns in each sentence. Tell if the nouns are singular or plural.

EXAMPLE: The beach was beautiful. beach, singular

1. The day started out quietly.

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2. The beach was crowded with sunbathers.

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3. The waves crashed on the shore.

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4. Several boys played football.

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5. California and Florida have wonderful beaches for tourists.

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**A. Write the nouns in each sentence. Write singular or plural beside each noun.**

6. The sunbathers heard a loud, screeching sound. \_\_\_\_\_

7. My friends on the beach turned around. \_\_\_\_\_

8. A seagull swooped down to get a cracker. \_\_\_\_\_

9. The bird was caught in some string. \_\_\_\_\_

10. Several adults helped the bird. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Write the plural form of each underlined noun.**

11. The tangled bird was frightened. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Me bird could not move an inch. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Could they use a box? \_\_\_\_\_

14. The man next to the bus had an idea. \_\_\_\_\_

15. He helped the bird and set it near a bush. \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Write singular or plural for the underlined nouns in each sentence**

16. The sunset, and the bird flew away. \_\_\_\_\_

17. The bird grabbed a bag of peaches . \_\_\_\_\_

18. How did the helpers feel? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Watch the foxes run away. \_\_\_\_\_

20. How excited that seagulls must have been! \_\_\_\_\_