

# 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

- The day started out quietly. \_\_\_\_\_
- The beach was crowded with sunbathers. \_\_\_\_\_
- The waves crashed on the shore. \_\_\_\_\_
- Several boys played football. \_\_\_\_\_
- California and Florida have wonderful beaches for tourists. \_\_\_\_\_

**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! \_\_\_\_\_