

Write the Notes in your Notebook or Exercise Book

Language Arts

Singular and Plurals

Plural Rule 1

- Most words add 's' to make the plural.
- **one apple** **two apples**
- **desk** → **desks** **month** → **months**
- **book** → **books** **train** → **trains**
- **pen** → **pens** **name** → **names**
- **shop** → **shops** **friend** → **friends**
- **chair** → **chairs** **teacher** → **teachers**

Plural Rule 2

- Add **'es'** to words ending in **'ch'**, **'sh'**, **'s'**, **'ss'**, **'x'** or **'z'** to make the plural.
- **one box** **many boxes**
- **wish** → **wishes** **beach** → **beaches**
- **cross** → **crosses** **waltz** → **waltzes**
- **bus** → **buses** **church** → **churches**
- **dish** → **dishes** **loss** → **losses**
- fox** → **foxes** **bunch** → **bunches**

Plural Rule 3

- When the letter before a 'y' is a consonant, change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding an 'es'.

● one baby	two <u>babies</u>
● city → <u>cities</u>	berry → <u>berries</u>
● pony → <u>ponies</u>	family → <u>families</u>
● reply → <u>replies</u>	lady → <u>ladies</u>

The 21 consonant letters in the English alphabet are B, C, D, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, X, Z, and usually Y.

Plural Rule 4

If it ends in a vowel (a, e, i , o, u) and y, just add s

- When words end in 'ay', 'ey', 'iy', 'oy', and 'uy' add an 's' to make the plural.

● one donkey	two <u>donkeys</u>
● day → <u>days</u>	boy → <u>boys</u>
● key → <u>keys</u>	delay → <u>delays</u>
● play → <u>plays</u>	guy → <u>guys</u>

Plural Rule 5

- When words end in 'f' or 'fe' change the 'f' or 'fe' to a 'v' before adding 'es'.

● one knife	two <u>knives</u>
● leaf → <u>leaves</u>	life → <u>lives</u>
● half → <u>halves</u>	hoof → <u>hooves</u>

● **wife** → wives

thief → thieves

Exceptions → **cliffs, chiefs, roofs, dwarfs and handkerchiefs.**

Plural Rule 6

● **When a word ends in an 'o' and comes after a consonant, add 'es' to make the plural.**

● **one tomato**

two tomatoes

● **cargo** → cargoes

mango → mangoes

● **echo** → echoes

hero → heroes

volcano → volcanoes

torpedo → torpedoes

Exceptions → **pianos, banjos, solos, radios and Eskimos.**

Plural Rule 7

● **Sometimes a word may completely change its form when a plural is made.**

● **one child**

two children

● **person** → people

goose → geese

● **man** → men

woman → women

● **cactus** → cacti

fungus → fungi

Plural Rule 8

● **Sometimes a word may stay the same in both its singular and plural form.**

● **one fish**

many fish

● **tuna** → tuna

trout → trout

● deer → deer
moose moose

sheep → sheep
series → series