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Spelling Rules

Rules to help spell plurals

Plural word forms are used to show that there is more than one of something: eg *kitchens* is the plural form of the word *kitchen*.

Add an 's

This is the most common way to make a plural (eg bike-bikes).

Write 5 more nouns below that just add -s to make the word plural:

Words ending in 'y'

If there is a consonant before the 'y', change the 'y' to 'i' before adding 'es' (eg lady - ladies).

If there is a **vowel** before the 'y', just add 's' (eg to**y** - toys).

(Vowels: the five vowels in the alphabet are a e i o u.

Consonants: all the other letters in the alphabet that are not vowels are called consonants)

What is the plural of these words?

Key monkey

Lorry industry

Turkey valley

Company tray

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Words ending in 'z', 'x', 'sh', 'ch', 's' or 'ss'

For words ending in 'x', 'sh', 'ch', 's' or 'ss' add 'es' (eg church = churches).

What is the plural of these words?

Box match business

Gas brush topaz

Words ending in 'f' or 'fe'

For most of these words, change the 'f' or 'fe' to 'v' before adding 'es' (eg leaf - leaves).

What is the plural of these words?

Loaf shelf wolf

Thief wife knife

Life half

Watch out for the words that don't fit this rule: eg chief - chiefs. To help work out the exceptions to the rule, listen for the change in the sound when you say the word.

Some exceptions: roof = roofs, chief = chiefs, belief = beliefs, chef = chefs, cafe = cafes, handkerchief = handkerchiefs, safe = safes.

Nouns ending in 'o'

If a vowel comes before the 'o', just add -s eg radio- radios

If a consonant comes before the 'o', add -es eg tomato - tomatoes BUT piano - pianos

What is the plural of these words?

Potato volcano studio

Mosquito zoo hero

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Irregular plurals
Irregular plurals are plural word forms that don't follow any of the plural rules!

Complete the plurals of these words. Use a dictionary to help you.

| Singular | Plural | Singular | Plural |
|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| man | | mouse | |
| woman | | deer | |
| child | | sheep | |
| foot | | ох | |
| tooth | | fish | |

Spelling Rules

Practise what you have learned in the following exercise:

| 1 | Box | 26 | Woman | |
|----|----------|----|----------------|--|
| 2 | Brush | 27 | Mouse | |
| 3 | Business | 28 | Brother in Law | |
| 4 | Glass | 29 | Child | |
| 5 | Watch | 30 | Sheep | |
| 6 | Army | 31 | Tooth | |
| 7 | City | 32 | Secretary | |
| 8 | Fly | 33 | Facility | |
| 9 | Lady | 34 | Supply | |
| 10 | Company | 35 | Industry | |
| 11 | Half | 36 | Chimney | |
| 12 | Knife | 37 | Folio | |
| 13 | Leaf | 38 | Wheat | |

| 14 | Life | 39 | Stepchild | |
|----|--------|----|-----------|--|
| 15 | Loaf | 40 | Burglar | |
| 16 | Shelf | 41 | Tomato | |
| 17 | Thief | 42 | Injury | |
| 18 | Wolf | 43 | Foot | |
| 19 | Chief | 44 | Gentleman | |
| 20 | Roof | 45 | Cargo | |
| 21 | Hero | 46 | Laundry | |
| 22 | Potato | 47 | Puppy | |
| 23 | Piano | 48 | Studio | |
| 24 | Valley | 49 | Handful | |
| 25 | Echo | 50 | Deer | |