# 1E Word Skills

## Singular and plural nouns

*I can form the plural of a range of regular and irregular nouns.*

**1 Complete the spelling rules in column A with the plural endings below.**

*-es -es -ies -s -s -s -ves*

| A Spelling rules | B Examples |
|---|---|
| 1 To make the plural of most nouns we add _____. | 1 singer – singers<br>2 _____ |
| 2 If the noun ends in *-s*, *-sh*, *-ch*, *-z*, or *-x*, we add _____. | 3 _____<br>4 _____<br>5 _____ |
| 3 If the noun ends in *-o*, we add _____ or sometimes _____. | 6 _____ |
| 4 If the noun ends in a consonant + *-y*, we change *-y* to _____. | 7 _____<br>8 _____<br>9 _____<br>10 _____ |
| 5 If the noun ends in a vowel + *-y*, we add _____. | 11 _____ |
| 6 If the noun ends in *-f* or *-fe*, we change *-f* or *-fe* to _____. | 12 _____ |

**2 Complete column B in exercise 1 with the underlined nouns in the text below. Write the singular and plural forms.**

# Famous families



WILL SMITH is a famous actor. His wife, Jada Pinkett Smith, is an actress, singer and businesswoman. They have got two *children*, Jaden and Willow. Jaden is an actor too – the star of 'The Karate Kid' – and Willow is a singer and dancer. The family have got a charity, The Will and Jada Smith Family Foundation. It helps poor young *people* in American cities.



SERENA AND VENUS WILLIAMS come from a large family – with five girls and no boys! They are both famous *tennis* players. Venus is the winner of seven singles Grand Slams. She is the first black *woman* to be Number 1 in the world. Venus has got a *clothes* company that makes dresses, skirts and tops. Serena is the winner of more tennis matches than any other female player. She speaks French, Italian and Spanish – and English, of course. She has got a tattoo of a heart on her neck.

**3 Which rules in exercise 1 do these nouns follow? Write 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6.**

a dictionary 4
b day _____
c knife _____
d box _____
e potato _____
f brother _____

**4 Complete the sentences with the plural forms of the nouns in exercise 3.**

1 There are seven _____ in a week.
2 We've got fifteen English _____ on the shelf in our classroom.
3 I've got a sister and two _____.
4 I keep my CDs in two _____ under my bed.
5 Let's have steak, _____ and peas for dinner.
6 Can you put the plates, _____, forks and spoons on the table, please?

**5 Look at the *italic* words in the text in exercise 2. Add them to the rules below. If possible, write the singular and plural forms.**

1 Some nouns have irregular plural forms.
_____ _____
_____
2 Some nouns are always plural.
_____
3 Some nouns have no plural form. We call these uncountable nouns.
_____

**6 Complete the sentences with the words below. Sometimes you need to change the form.**

help jeans man sunglasses tooth water

1 Can you give me some _____ with my homework? It's very difficult.
2 'I'm thirsty.' 'Have a glass of _____.'
3 Always brush your _____ before you go to bed.
4 The sun is very bright. Where are my _____?
5 Joe has got a white top and blue _____.
6 Can you see those two _____ over there? They're my uncles.

**VOCAB BOOST!**

When you learn a new noun, make a note of the plural form and check if it follows one of the rules in exercise 1 or if it is irregular. You can find the plural forms in a dictionary.

**7 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Write the plural forms of the nouns below. Use a dictionary to help you.**

1 key keys
2 half _____
3 ski _____
4 mouse _____
5 sheep _____
6 roof _____



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