

- Irregular Plurals:** man – **men**, woman – **women**, foot – **feet**, tooth – **teeth**, goose – **geese**, louse – **lice**, mouse – **mice**, sheep – **sheep**, deer – **deer**, fish – **fish**, trout – **trout**, ox – **oxen**, child – **children**, salmon – **salmon**, spacecraft – **spacecraft**, aircraft – **aircraft**, hovercraft – **hovercraft**, means – **means**, species – **species**

## 1 Write the plural of the following nouns.

1 nanny	..nannies..	11 bush	.....	21 aircraft	.....
2 father-in-law	.....	12 pen-friend	.....	22 watch	.....
3 headache	.....	13 video	.....	23 crisis	.....
4 dictionary	.....	14 passer-by	.....	24 bay	.....
5 zoo-keeper	.....	15 violin	.....	25 flamingo	.....
6 phone	.....	16 wife	.....	26 taxi driver	.....
7 hoof	.....	17 volcano	.....	27 potato	.....
8 radio	.....	18 mouse	.....	28 safe	.....
9 train robbery	.....	19 godfather	.....	29 onlooker	.....
10 painkiller	.....	20 wish	.....	30 walking stick	.....

## 2 Write the plural of the nouns in brackets.

# London ZOO

London Zoo has been open to the public since 1847. Today, it holds around 755 1) species (**species**) of animals, making it one of the biggest 2) ..... (**zoo**) in Britain. Although London Zoo is not home to many large animals such as 3) ..... (**rhino**) or 4) ..... (**elephant**), there is still a lot to see! Our aquarium contains thousands of colourful 5) ..... (**fish**) from around the world and the amazing Gorilla Kingdom holds a number of 6) ..... (**gorilla**)! Another popular section of the zoo is Into Africa. Here you can see a number of Africa's wild 7) ..... (**beast**) including 8) ..... (**zebra**) and 9) ..... (**giraffe**). Also, don't miss the chance to take fantastic 10) ..... (**photo**) at Butterfly Paradise; one of the biggest collections of 11) ..... (**butterfly**) in London. So, for the perfect day out for both 12) ..... (**adult**) and 13) ..... (**child**), come and visit London Zoo!





- **Group nouns** refer to a group of people. These nouns can take either a singular or a plural verb depending on whether we see the group as a whole or as individuals. Such **group nouns** are: army, audience, class, club, committee, company, council, crew, crowd, headquarters, family, jury, government, press, public, staff, team, etc. *The team was the best in the country.* (= the team as a group); *The team were all given medals.* (= each member separately as individuals)
- With expressions of **duration, distance or money** meaning 'a whole amount' we use a singular verb.  
*Two weeks isn't long to wait. Ten miles is a long way to ride. Ten thousand pounds is too much to spend on house repairs.*

Some nouns can be used as countable or uncountable, with a difference in meaning.

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| • Give me a piece of <b>paper</b> , please!              | • The police asked to see his <b>papers</b> . (documents)          |
| • The needle of a <b>compass</b> always points North.    | • You can draw a perfect circle with <b>compasses</b> .            |
| • It is a <b>custom</b> to give presents at birthdays.   | • All plane passengers were searched at <b>customs</b> .           |
| • She has a lot of <b>experience</b> in teaching.        | • We had lots of exciting <b>experiences</b> on our trip.          |
| • Would you like a <b>glass</b> of milk?                 | • He can't see very well without his <b>glasses</b> . (spectacles) |
| • She has got long, blonde <b>hair</b> . (head of hair)  | • There are two <b>hairs</b> in your milk! (2 single hairs)        |
| • They were shocked at the <b>scale</b> of the disaster. | • She weighed herself on the <b>scales</b> . (weighing machine)    |
| • The bowl is made of <b>wood</b> . (the material)       | • The girls got lost in the <b>woods</b> . (forest)                |
| • He goes to <b>work</b> every day except Sunday.        | • Picasso's <b>works</b> are really fascinating. (creations)       |
| • There were many <b>people</b> waiting outside.         | • All <b>peoples</b> of the world should live in peace. (nations)  |
| • Don't go out in the <b>rain</b> without an umbrella.   | • In some climates the <b>rains</b> come twice a year.             |

5 Write (C) if the noun is countable or (U) if it is uncountable, as in the example.

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|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1 child ..C..      | 4 fruit ..... | 7 desk .....   | 10 oil .....  |
| 2 Literature ..... | 5 dirt .....  | 8 butter ..... | 11 smog ..... |
| 3 host .....       | 6 news .....  | 9 leaf .....   | 12 golf ..... |

6 Suzanne is going into town to buy the items in the pictures below. Write out her shopping list.

1 ... a carton of milk ...

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

7 .....

8 .....