



IMPORTANT RULES OF SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS



- 1** Add **-s** to make most nouns plural.

Singular	Plural
book 	books
pen 	pens
chair 	chairs

- 2** Add **-es** to nouns ending in **s, ss, sh, ch, x, z**.

Singular	Plural
bus 	buses
class 	classes
brush 	brushes
watch 	watches
box 	boxes

- 3** Nouns ending in **y**
- If a consonant comes before y, change y to i and add **-es**.
 - If a vowel comes before y, just add **-s**.

Singular	Plural
baby 	babies
city 	cities
toy 	toys
key 	keys

- 4** Nouns ending in **f** or **fe**
Change **f/fe** to **ves**.

Singular	Plural
leaf 	leaves
wolf 	wolves
knife 	knives
wife 	wives

- 5** Nouns ending in **o**
Some take **-es**, some take only **-s**.

Singular	Plural
potato 	potatoes
tomato 	tomatoes
hero 	heroes
piano 	pianos
photo 	photos

- 6** Irregular Plurals
These do not follow a rule.

Singular	Plural
man 	men
woman 	women
child 	children
tooth 	teeth
foot 	feet
mouse 	mice
goose 	geese

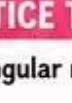
- 7** Same Form in Singular and Plural

Singular	Plural
sheep 	sheep
deer 	deer
fish 	fish

- 8** Compound Nouns
Add **-s** to the main word.

Singular	Plural
passer-by 	passers-by
mother-in-law 	mothers-in-law
brother-in-law 	brothers-in-law

- 9** Nouns Always Used in Plural Form

- scissors 
- trousers 
- spectacles 
- jeans 
- shorts 

- 10** Uncountable Nouns
Have No Plural Form

- water 
- milk 
- rice 
- sugar 
- furniture 
- information 

QUICK TIPS

- One = Singular
(one book, one child)
- More than one = Plural
(two books, three children)
- Always check for irregular plurals because they do not follow common rules.



PRACTICE TIME!

Change these singular nouns into plurals.

- Lady → _____
- Box → _____
- Knife → _____
- Child → _____
- Tomato → _____





Singular to Plural Nouns



RULE 1: ADD -ES

We add **-es** to most singular nouns ending in **s, ss, sh, ch, x, or o**.

Examples:

- bus → buses
- watch → watches



Fill in the blanks. Write the plural form.

1. bus → _____
2. class → _____
3. box → _____
4. fox → _____
5. brush → _____
6. mango → _____
7. watch → _____
8. potato → _____
9. tomato → _____
10. church → _____



RULE 3: CHANGE Y TO IES

If a noun ends in a consonant + **y**, change **y** to **ies**.

Examples:

- baby → babies
- city → cities



Fill in the blanks. Write the plural form.

1. baby → _____
2. city → _____
3. story → _____
4. lady → _____
5. party → _____
6. story → _____
7. country → _____
8. family → _____
9. baby → _____
10. duty → _____



RULE 2: CHANGE F OR FE TO VES

Some nouns ending in **f** or **fe** change **f** or **fe** to **ves**.

Examples:

- leaf → leaves
- knife → knives



Fill in the blanks. Write the plural form.

1. leaf → _____
2. knife → _____
3. wife → _____
4. wolf → _____
5. shelf → _____
6. life → _____
7. calf → _____
8. loaf → _____
9. half → _____
10. thief → _____



RULE 4: NO CHANGE

Some nouns do not change in plural form. They are the **same** in singular and plural.

Examples:

- deer → deer
- sheep → sheep



Fill in the blanks. Write the plural form.

1. deer → _____
2. sheep → _____
3. fish → _____
4. series → _____
5. species → _____
6. aircraft → _____
7. cattle → _____
8. shorts → _____
9. pajamas → _____
10. scissors → _____



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PLURAL NOUNS

A plural noun is a word that names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

1. RULES

Most nouns	Add -s. book → books	
Nouns ending in -s, -sh, -ch, -x, -z	Add -es. box → boxes watch → watches	
Nouns ending in a consonant + y	Change y to i and add -es. baby → babies	
Nouns ending in a vowel + y	Add -s. boy → boys	
Irregular nouns	The plural form changes. tooth → teeth	

2. EXAMPLES

SINGULAR	PLURAL	
cat	cats	
bus	buses	
church	churches	
family	families	
story	stories	
leaf	leaves	
child	children	
foot	feet	

3. ADD -S OR -ES

Write the plural form of each noun.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. dog _____ | 9. match _____ |
| 2. hat _____ | 10. family _____ |
| 3. box _____ | 11. church _____ |
| 4. wish _____ | 12. story _____ |
| 5. baby _____ | 13. leaf _____ |
| 6. city _____ | 14. girl _____ |
| 7. day _____ | 15. potato _____ |
| 8. bus _____ | 16. quiz _____ |

4. WRITE THE PLURAL FORM

Complete the sentences with the plural form of the noun in parentheses.

- I see three _____ (cat) in the yard.
- We went to two different _____ (church) yesterday.
- There are many _____ (child) at the park.
- She has five _____ (pencil) in her pencil case.
- My _____ (tooth) hurt after the dentist visit.
- The _____ (bus) are late today.
- We read some interesting _____ (story).
- Look at those beautiful _____ (leaf)!

5. CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD

Circle the noun that is plural.

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. (book / books) | 6. (box / boxes) |
| 2. (baby / babies) | 7. (leaf / leaves) |
| 3. (watch / watches) | 8. (child / childs) |
| 4. (boy / boys) | 9. (foot / feet) |
| 5. (city / cities) | 10. (story / stories) |

6. WRITE SENTENCES

Write a sentence using the plural form of each noun.

- dog _____
- family _____
- city _____
- dish _____
- child _____

7. CHALLENGE!

Write the plural form of these irregular nouns.

- man _____
- woman _____
- person _____
- mouse _____
- goose _____