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Plurals of Nouns

Let's study how singular nouns form their plurals

1. Most nouns form their plural form by adding -s to the singular form.



Plural (more than one)
dogs
boats
cats
songs
the shops
the trees
two teachers
five books

2. When a singular noun ends with **s**, **sh**, **ch** or **x**, its plural is formed by adding –**es**.



Singular (one)	Plural (more than one)
a bus	buses
a glass	glasses
a brush	brushes
a watch	watches

3. Some singular nouns, ending with '**o**' also takes –**es** when their plurals are formed.



Singula	r (o	one)	Plural (more than one)
Mango			mangoes
Tomate	C		tomatoes
Potato			potatoes
Hero			heroes
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radio	-	radios	
studio	-	studios	
piano	-	pianos	
photo	-	photos	

4. When the last letter of a singular noun is **y** and the letter before **y** is a consonant, its plural is formed by changing y to **ies**.



Singular (one)	Plural (more than one)							
baby	babies (last letter - y, consonant - b)							
lady	ladies							
city	cities							
fly	flies							

5. Some nouns ending with **f** or **fe** form their plural by adding **ves**.

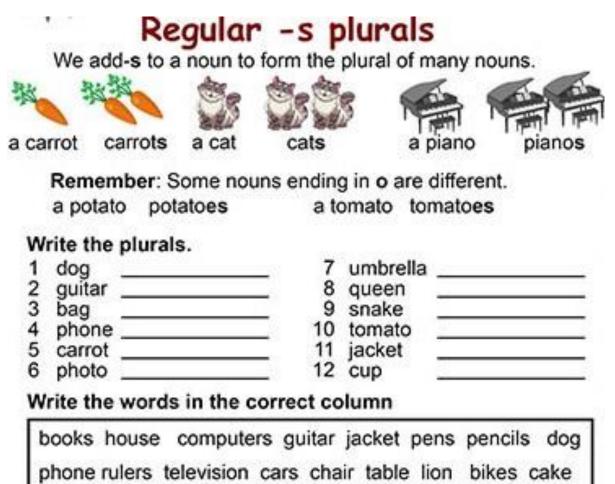


Singular (one)	Plural (more than one)
leaf	leaves
knife	knives
life	lives
calf	calves
half	halves

6. Some nouns have **different** singular and plural forms.

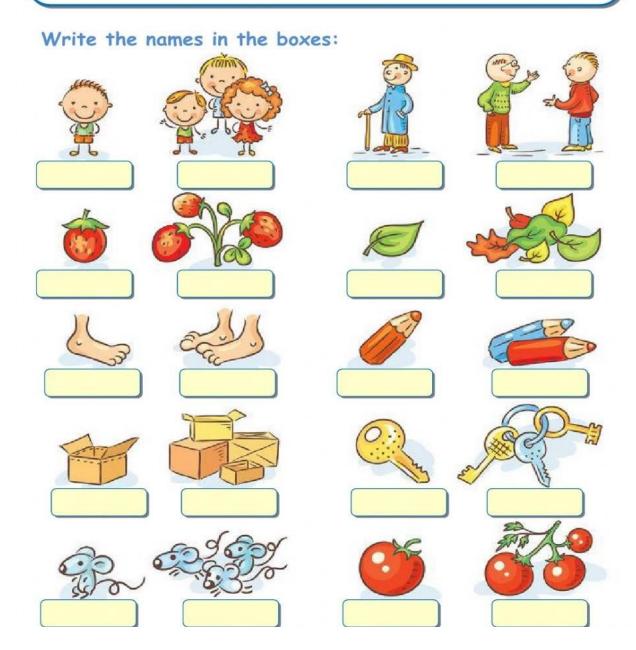


Singular (one)	Plural (more than one)
man	men
woman	women
child	children
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
mouse	mice
ox	oxen



Singular	Plural

LEAVES - MAN - BOX - PENCILS - CHILDREN TOMATO - CHERRIES - MEN - FOOT - MICE - KEY CHERRY - LEAF - PENCIL - CHILD - FEET - MOUSE TOMATOES - KEYS - BOXES



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