

# How plurals are formed

Irregular Plural Nouns

Grade 10 – Unit 8





# What are noun plurals?

- As we know a plural noun indicates that there is more than one.

example: **One dog** (singular)

**Three dogs** (plural)

# What are regular plurals?

- The plural of a noun is generally formed by adding **-s** or **-es** to the singular noun

Book



Books

Bag



Bags

# Regular Plurals

- Nouns that end with **-ch,-x,-s,-ss -sh**, form their plurals by adding **-es** in the end.

Box –Boxes  
Church- Churches  
Gas-Gases  
Bush-Bushes

- When most nouns end with a **CONSONANT+O** also form their plurals by adding **-es**

Potato-Potatoes  
Hero-Heroes

# Regular Plurals

- When the plural of words that ends with a **CONSONANT**+**-y** is spelled **-ies**.

Factory-Factories  
Baby-Babies

- Most nouns ends in **-f** or **-fe** are changed to **-ves** to form plurals.

Calf-Calves  
Knife-Knives  
Leaf-Leaves

# What are irregular plurals?

- Irregular plural noun is a noun that becomes plural by changing its spelling in other ways.
- For instance it is made plurals by changing vowels, changing the word ,or adding a different ending.
- Let's see how they are formed,
- Changing their vowels:-

Foot → Feet

Goose → Geese

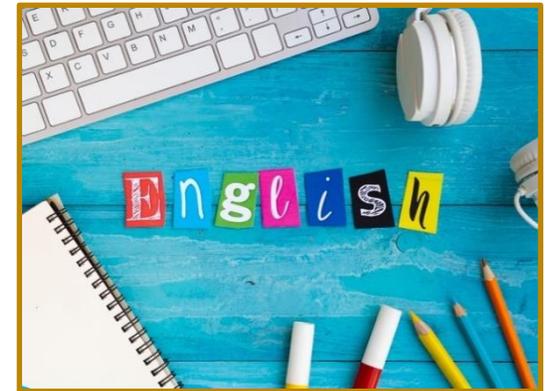
Mouse → Mice

Woman → Women



# Irregular Plurals

- Some nouns have the same singular and plural form.
- Aircraft → Aircraft
- Deer → Deer
- Fish → Fish
- Sheep → Sheep
- Species → Species



# Irregular Plurals

- Many nouns taken from foreign languages like Latin, Greek, Italian, French and Hebrew keep their original plural form.
- From Greek
- Axis- axes , Basis-bases , Analysis-analyses, Crisis-crises.
- From Latin
- Index-indices, Formula-formulas, Memorandum-memoranda
- From Italian
- Bandit-Banditti

# Some more irregular plurals

Singular	Plural
Bureau	Bureaux
Diagnosis	Diagnoses
Octopus	Octopuses/octopi
Thesis	Theses
syllabus	Syllabuses/syllabi
Phenomenon	Phenomena
Tempo	Tempi
Larva	Larvae
Antenna	Antennae/Antennas

# Irregular Plurals

- Finally let's have a look on plural forms of some compound nouns.
- Spoonful → Spoonfuls
- Passer-by → Passers-by
- By-way → By-ways
- Guest-of-honour → Guests-of-honour



## Exercise I

Convert each singular noun to its irregular plural form.

- E.g.:- Criterion –criteria

1. Man-
2. Foot-
3. Tooth-
4. Index-
5. Fungus-
6. Cactus-
7. Axis-
8. Analysis-
9. Formula-
10. Series-
11. Bacterium-
12. Crisis-
13. Datum-
14. person-

(Feet, Axes, Fungi, Cacti, Crises, Indices, data, Bacteria, Analyses, People, Series, Formulae/Formulas, Indices, teeth, Men)

## Exercise 2

- Underline the correct plural.
- **Parenthesis,**
  - I. Parentheses
  - II. Parenthis
  - III. Parenthiss
- **Phenomenon,**
  - I. Phenomenons
  - II. Phenomena
  - III. Phenomenonss
- **Criterion,**
  - I. Criteria
  - II. Criterian
  - III. Criterions
- **Memorandum,**
  - I. Memorandus
  - II. Memorandums
  - III. Memoranda



## Answers Exercise I

1. Men
2. Feet
3. Teeth
4. Indices
5. Fungi
6. Cacti
7. Axes
8. Analyses
9. Formulae/Formulas
10. Series
11. Bacteria
12. Crises
13. Data
14. People

## Answers

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# Thank You!

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