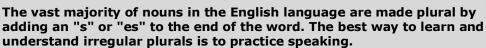


# Plural

Grammar



The plural is written 'es' after 's', 'ss', 'sh', 'ch' or 'x'.

- Box + es  $\Rightarrow$  box**es**
- Catch + es ⇒ catch**es**
- Dish + es ⇒ dish**es**



With nouns, which end in a consonant letter followed by 'y', you substitute 'ies' for 'y' to form the plural. Nouns, which end in a vowel letter followed by 'y' you just add 's' to form the plural.

- Baby  $\Rightarrow$  babies
- Lady ⇒ ladies
- Family  $\Rightarrow$  families

### **But:**

- Boy ⇒ boys
- Toy ⇒toys

There are a few nouns ending in 'f' or 'fe' where you form the plural by substituting 'ves' for 'f' or 'fe'.

- Half ⇒ halves
- Life  $\Rightarrow$  lives
- Wife ⇒ wives
- Scarf ⇒ scarves
- Thief ⇒ thieves
- Wolf ⇒ wolves

#### The following nouns in English have special plural forms.

- Child ⇒ children
- Grandchild ⇒ grandchildren
- Man ⇒ men
- Woman⇒ women
- Mouse ⇒ mice
- Foot ⇒ feet
- Tooth ⇒ teeth
- Postman ⇒ postmen

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#### NO CHANGE I NON-COUNT NOUNS

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SINGULAR	PLURAL	
deer	deer	
fish	fish	
information	information	
hair	hair	
food	food	
series	series	
sheep	sheep	
species	species	

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SINGULAR	PLURAL
foot	feet
goose	geese
tooth	teeth

#### O ⇒ OES

SINGULAR	PLURAL
go	goes
do	does
hero	heroes
potato	potatoes
tomato	tomatoes

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SINGULAR	PLURAL
child	children
man	men
ox	oxen
woman	women

## 1) Write the suffix next to the words with irregular plural.

Church es	Knife
Tree	Key
Opportunity	Life
Pet	Farm
Gentleman	Mouth
Village	Bus
Age	Accident
Argument	Prize
Shoulder	Card
Match	Воу
Wife	Chin
Body	Speech
Bottle	Glass
Chest	Lady
Husband	Country
Corner	Washing machine

a)	These (people)	are protesting against the president.
b)	The (woman)	over there want to meet the manager.
c)	My (child)	hate eating pasta.
d)	I am ill. My (foot)	hurt.
e)	Muslims kill (sheep)	in a religious celebration.
f)	I brush my (tooth)	three times a day.
g)	The (fish)	I bought is in the fridge.
h)	They are sending some (man)	to fix the roof.
i)	Most (housewife)	work more than ten hours a day at home.
j)	Some (policeman)	came to arrest him.