



The vast majority of nouns in the English language are made plural by adding an "s" or "es" to the end of the word. The best way to learn and understand irregular plurals is to practice speaking.

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

- Box + es ⇒ 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 ⇒ babies
- Lady ⇒ ladies
- Family ⇒ 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 ⇒ 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 | NON-COUNT NOUNS

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

OO ⇒ EE

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

2) Write down the correct plural form.

- 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.