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Singular and Plural

Nouns tell us about the **number** of things they name.

Nouns that refer to one person or thing are called **singular nouns**.

a flower, an ice cream, a boy, a tiger

Nouns that refer to more than one person or thing are called **plural nouns**.

rivers, bodies, benches, toys, girls

We can change singular nouns into their plural forms in many ways.

We add **-s** to most nouns to form plurals.

nut ~ nuts

flower ~ flowers

A Add **-s** to the following nouns to form their plurals.

1. balloon

2. present

3. friend

4. museum

5. elephant

6. Wednesday

7. biscuit

8. building

9. office

10. desk

11. clock

12. escalator

We add **-es** to some nouns that end in **o**, **s**, **ss**, **sh**, **ch** and **x** to form their plurals.

hero ~ heroes

class ~ classes

bush ~ bushes

beach ~ beaches

tax ~ taxes

B Singular or plural? Look at the pictures and circle the correct answers.

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|----|---|------------|--------------|
| 1. |  | fox | foxes |
| 2. |  | dishes | dish |
| 3. |  | sandwich | sandwiches |
| 4. |  | toothbrush | toothbrushes |
| 5. |  | box | boxes |
| 6. |  | potatoes | potato |
| 7. |  | dress | dresses |
| 8. |  | glasses | glass |

C Write the plurals of the singular nouns given below.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
1. bench	5. inch
2. wish	6. beach
3. hero	7. tomato
4. dress	8. bus

Nouns that end in *-y*

If the letter before the *y* is a consonant, change the *y* to *i* and add *-es*.

baby ~ bab*ies*
city ~ cit*ies*

If the letter before the *y* is a vowel, just add *-s*.

key ~ key*s*
boy ~ boy*s*

D Fill in the blanks with the plurals of the nouns given in brackets.

1. There are many..... (country) in the world.
2. The..... (lady) had the..... (key) to their cars.
3. We saw four..... (donkey) at the farm.
4. Rohan picked..... (daisy) and..... (lily) from the garden.
5. Our..... (diary) were left behind in school.
6. Jack has been to five..... (city) with this troupe.
7. The children received free..... (toy) on Children's Day.
8. (baby) need special attention and care.



We usually form plurals of nouns ending in *-f* or *-fe* by changing the *-f* or *-fe* to *-ves*.

calf ~ cal*ves* life ~ liv*es*

E Fill in the blanks with the plurals of the given words.

1. wolf We could hear the howling of the.....
2. knife Put the..... and forks on the table.
3. leaf Dry..... fall from the trees in autumn.
4. calf Many..... were born at the Chin Min farm last year.
5. loaf The baker sold many..... of fresh brown bread.



6. life Many soldiers lost their fighting for the country.
7. thief The were caught red-handed by the police.
8. wife Standing on the deck, the sailors waved to their

We form plurals of some nouns by **changing one or more vowels** in them.

man ~ **men**

foot ~ **feet**

F Use the **plurals** of the words given in brackets to complete the sentences.

- All the wore black hats. (man)
- Be sure to brush your after eating anything sweet. (tooth)
- Look at those sitting under the tree. (woman)
- The flew in a V-shaped pattern. (goose)
- He wiped his with a dry towel. (foot)

G Rewrite the sentences by changing the nouns into **plurals**. Make changes in verbs and articles where necessary.

- The child went to the shop with the woman.

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- The leaf of *tulsi* is good for health.

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- My sister ate the peach and threw the pit in the dustbin.

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- The minister met the man who wanted to donate clothes.

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- The house had no light on.

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- The cat ate the mouse and ran away.

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7. The woman was wearing a blue shirt and black skirt.

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8. The painter bought a new brush.

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H Circle the singular forms of the following nouns in the grid.



L	V	B	R	U	S	H	W	S	G	H	T
E	Z	M	O	U	S	E	T	C	O	W	L
A	S	T	I	T	C	H	E	F	N	B	F
F	T	D	R	A	B	B	I	T	Z	P	O
E	M	A	N	G	B	O	D	Y	E	S	O
S	P	B	U	S	E	O	T	R	E	W	T

