Nouns One and Many

What Are Nouns?

Nouns are naming words. They name people, places, animals, or things.

What Are Singular and Plural Nouns?

Singular Noun	Plural Noun
Names one person, place, animal, or thing.	Names more than one person, place, animal, or thing.
Example: one cat	Example: two cats

Rules for Forming Plurals

i. Add -s to most nouns

Examples:

- one boy → two boys
 - two boys one pencil → five pencils
- one girl → three girls

ii. Add -es to nouns ending in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, or -x

Examples:

one bus → three buses

one brush → three brushes

one glass → two glasses

• one box \rightarrow four boxes

iii. Nouns ending in -y

- If there is a consonant before -y, change -y to -i and add -es
- one lady → two ladies

- one story → many stories
- If there is a vowel before -y, just add -s
- \circ one toy \rightarrow many toys

 \circ one day \rightarrow five days

iv. Nouns ending in -f or -fe

• Change -f/fe to -ves

one knife → three knives

one wolf → two wolves

one shelf → many shelves

Exceptions: some nouns just add -s (e.g., chiefs, roofs)

v. Irregular Plurals

Some nouns don't follow any rule.

Singular	Plural
man	men
woman	women
child	children
tooth	teeth
goose	geese
mouse	mice

vi. Same in Singular and Plural

Some nouns have the same form in both singular and plural: sheep, deer, fish

Example: one sheep → ten sheep

vi. Always Plural Nouns

These nouns are always written in the plural: spectacles, jeans, trousers, scissors

vii. Practice Activities

Fill in the blanks with correct plurals

Example: cat → cats

Rewrite sentences with correct plural forms

Match singular and plural forms (man → men)

Spot the error

Example: "spectacle" should be "spectacles"

Key Vocabulary & Word Forms

Singular	Plural
city	cities
cherry	cherries
elf	elves
wife	wives
thief	thieves

Points to Remember

- Add -s or -es to make plurals.
- Change -y to -ies if needed.
- Some words change completely or stay the same.
- Practice with real-world examples helps build fluency.