



Nouns : Singular and Plural

What are Singular and Plural Nouns?

Singular Noun: A noun that names only one person, place, animal, or thing.

Example: girl, apple, dog, city.

Plural Noun: A noun that names more than one person, place, animal, or thing.

Example: girls, apples, dogs, cities.

Rules for Forming Plural Nouns

1. Regular Plurals (Add -s)

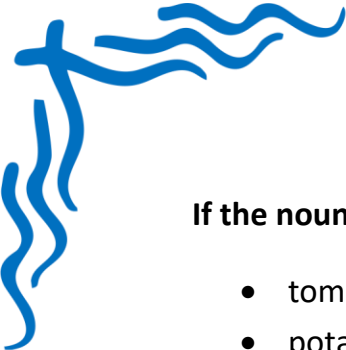
Most nouns form the plural by simply adding -s.

Singular	Plural
book	books
cup	cups
tree	trees
pen	pens

2. Add -es to Nouns Ending in s, sh, ch, x, or z

Singular	Plural
brush	brushes
dish	dishes
box	boxes
bench	benches
bus	buses

3. Nouns Ending in -o



If the noun ends in a consonant + o, add -es.

- tomato → tomatoes
- potato → potatoes

If the noun ends in a vowel + o, add -s.

- studio → studios
- kilo → kilos

4. Nouns Ending in -f or -fe

Change -f or -fe to -ves.

Singular	Plural
leaf	leaves
calf	calves
wife	wives
thief	thieves

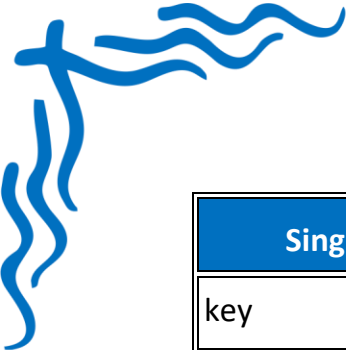
5. Nouns Ending in Consonant + y

Change -y to -ies.

Singular	Plural
fairy	fairies
city	cities
lady	ladies

If ending in vowel + y, just add -s.

Singular	Plural
toy	toys



Singular	Plural
key	keys

6. Irregular Plurals

Some nouns do not follow standard rules:

Singular	Plural
man	men
woman	women
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
goose	geese
child	children
mouse	mice
ox	oxen

7. Nouns That Don't Change in the Plural

Singular	Plural
sheep	sheep
deer	deer

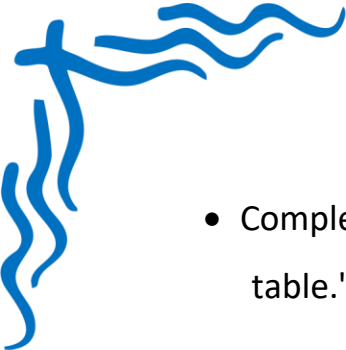
Grammar Byte: Compound Nouns

When pluralizing compound nouns, make the main noun plural:

- sisters-in-law
- sister-in-laws

Practice Sections (from PDF)

- Circle correct plural forms (e.g. foot → feet, cherry → cherries)



- Complete sentences with plural forms (e.g. "There are three mice under the table.")
- Fill in charts with singular/plural pairs (e.g. leaf → leaves)
- Spot errors in plural forms of compound nouns

Learning Outcomes

- By the end of this chapter, students should be able to:
- Understand and differentiate between singular and plural nouns.
- Apply rules for regular and irregular plural forms.
- Recognize nouns that don't change in the plural.
- Correctly pluralize compound nouns.
- Use plural forms in correct sentence contexts.