



# Nouns : Number

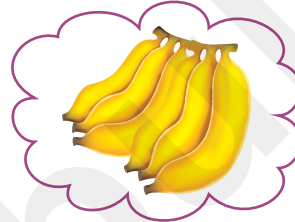
## Learning Outcomes

- Students will identify singular and plural nouns.
- They will understand the rules for making nouns plural.



## Lead in

Fill in the blanks.



1. We say one glove, but a pair of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We say one child, but a group of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We say one banana, but a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We say one key, but a bunch of \_\_\_\_\_.

## Singular and Plural

A noun that is used for one person, place or thing is called a **Singular Noun**.

**Examples :** boy, girl, book, pen, kite, potato, etc.

A noun that is used for more than one person, place or thing is called a **Plural Noun**.

**Examples :** boys, girls, books, pens, kites, potatoes, etc.

**Read the following sentences.**

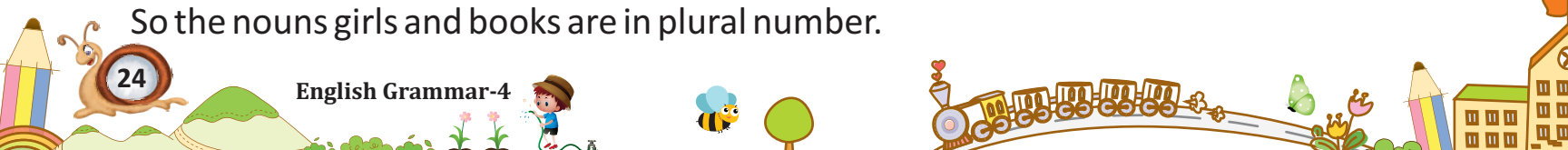
1. The girl reads a book.
2. The girls read books.



In the first sentence, the nouns girl and book stand for only one girl and one book. The nouns girl and book are in the singular number. Singular means one.

In the second sentence, the nouns girls and books stand for more than one girl and more than one book.

So the nouns girls and books are in plural number.





## Grammar Byte

🕒 **Plural** means more than one.

### Formation of Plural

#### 1. We add **-s** to most of the nouns to form plural.

##### Singular

lion

kite

cat

bat

book

finger

monk

house

game

tree

##### Plurals

lions

kites

cats

bats

books

fingers

monks

houses

games

trees

##### Singular

tiger

balloon

dog

ball

pen

hand

state

horse

shoe

kite

##### Plural

tigers

balloons

dogs

balls

pens

hands

states

horses

shoes

kites

#### 2. Nouns that end in a hissing sound i.e. **s**, **ss**, **sh**, **ch**, and **es** form their plural by adding **-es**.

##### Singular

fox

brush

glass

bus

branch

bench

torch

class

patch

ash

inch

##### Plurals

foxes

brushes

glasses

buses

branches

benches

torches

classes

patches

ashes

inches

##### Singular

match

watch

grass

bunch

kiss

dress

bush

gas

box

dish

church

##### Plural

matches

watches

grasses

bunches

kisses

dresses

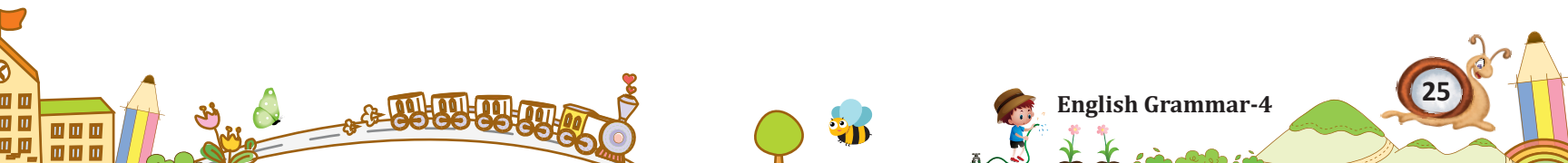
bushes

gases

boxes

dishes

churches





**3. Nouns that end in f or fe usually form their plurals by changing f or fe into ves.**

Singular	Plurals	Singular	Plural
self	selves	calf	calves
knife	knives	wolf	wolves
leaf	leaves	shelf	shelves
loaf	loaves	thief	thieves

**Exception :** roof – roofs

**4. Nouns that end in o form their plural by adding -es to singular.**

Singular	Plurals	Singular	Plural
buffalo	buffaloes	hero	heroes
cargo	cargoes	echo	echoes
tomato	tomatoes	volcano	volcanoes
potato	potatoes	hero	heroes

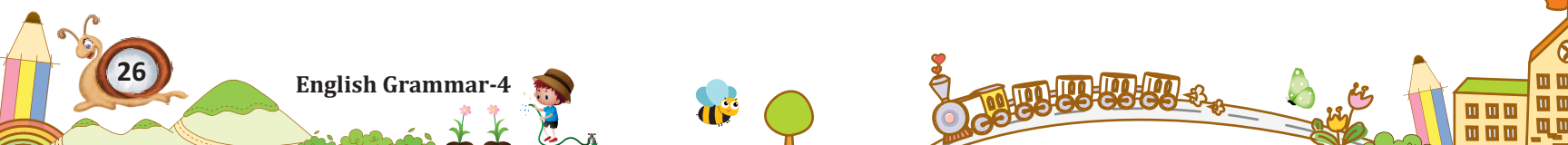
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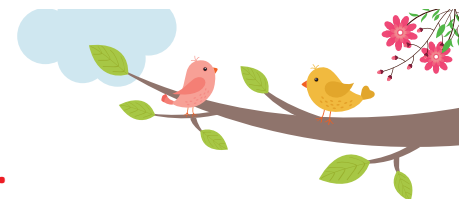
**5. Nouns that end in consonant +y form their plural by changing the y to ies.**

Singular	Plurals	Singular	Plural
country	countries	lady	ladies
city	cities	copy	copies
cry	cries	duty	duties
fly	flies	army	armies
story	stories	country	countries
baby	babies	diary	diaries
lily	lilies	fly	flies
story	stories	reply	replies
family	families	sky	skies

**6. Nouns ending in vowel +y form their plural just by adding -s to the singular.**

Singular	Plurals	Singular	Plural
donkey	donkeys	chimney	chimneys
boy	boys	ray	rays
toy	toys	monkey	monkeys
valley	valleys	day	days
joy	joys	key	keys





7. Some nouns do not follow any of the rules mentioned above.

Singular	Plurals	Singular	Plural
ox	oxen	deer	deer
mouse	mice	foot	feet
tooth	teeth	woman	women
man	men	sheep	sheep

**I.Q. Test**

Find out the plurals of the following compound nouns.

1. Mother-in-law
2. Passer-by
3. Daughter-in-law
4. Step-father
5. Commander-in-chief

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**Grammar Byte**

⦿ The plural of man-servant is **Men-Servants**.



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



A. Rewrite the following sentences by changing the nouns in coloured letters into their plural form and making other necessary changes.

1. The woman has a pot.

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2. No, there is no taxi and bus running on the road nowadays.

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3. A child is playing with his toy.

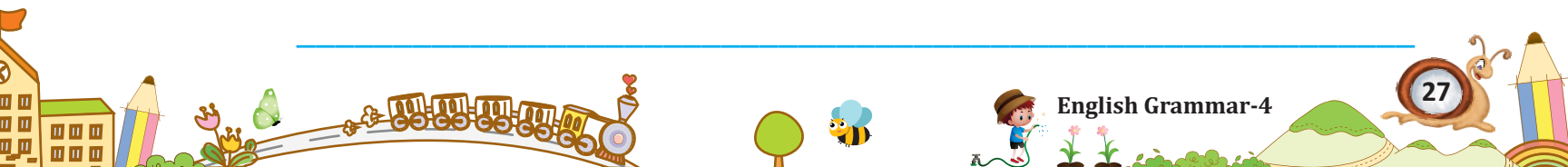
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4. The leaf of the tree is green.

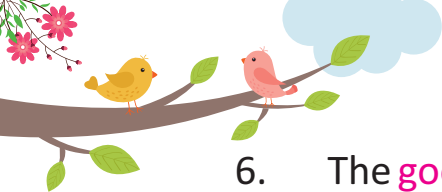
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5. The deer was eating the grass.

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6. The **goose** was swimming in the pond.

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7. The man has a **jacket**.

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The **boy** ate the **mango**.

\_\_\_\_\_



**Skills/Level**  
WRITING/A1



**B. Write the Plural form of each Singular noun given below.**

1. brush \_\_\_\_\_

2. match \_\_\_\_\_

3. house \_\_\_\_\_

4. window \_\_\_\_\_

5. bird \_\_\_\_\_

6. lamp \_\_\_\_\_

7. goose \_\_\_\_\_

8. man \_\_\_\_\_

9. child \_\_\_\_\_

10. ox \_\_\_\_\_

11. mouse \_\_\_\_\_

12. tooth \_\_\_\_\_

13. deer \_\_\_\_\_

14. sheep \_\_\_\_\_



**Points to Remember**

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**My Activity Corner**

Change the following sentences from singular to plural.

eg. A cow is a useful animal.

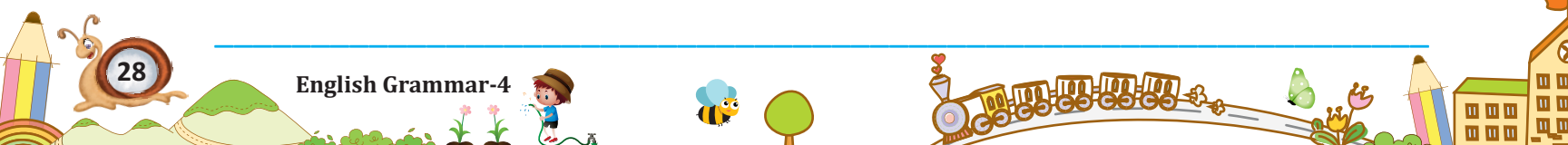
Cows are useful animals.

1. I saw a deer in the woods.

\_\_\_\_\_

2. There is a book on the shelf.

\_\_\_\_\_





3. There is a bird on the tree.

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4. I caught a fish.

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5. There is an ox in the field.

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