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# Nouns : Number

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the definition and types of nouns (proper, common, collective, abstract, and concrete).
- They will identify nouns in sentences and classify them into their types.



## Lead in

Look at the pictures in each group. Write **S** for singular and **P** for plural.



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## Singular and Plural Nouns

Nouns have two numbers — singular and plural.

Nouns that refer to one person, place, thing, animal or idea are called **singular nouns**.

**Examples :** bat, ball, boy, cat, etc.

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

**Example :** bats, balls, boys, cats, etc.

## Formation of Plurals

- Most nouns form their plurals by adding **-s** to the singular nouns.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
pen	pens	kite	kites
bat	bats	ball	balls
dog	dogs	bird	birds



cap	caps	hat	hats
bee	bees	cow	cows

2. Nouns ending with **-s**, **-sh**, **-ss**, **-ch**, **-sh**, **-x** form their plurals by adding **-es**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
wish	wishes	torch	torches
box	boxes	watch	watches
glass	glasses	brush	brushes
bus	buses	dish	dishes

3. Nouns ending with **-y** and preceded by a consonant form their plurals by changing **-y** to **-ies**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
copy	copies	pony	ponies
city	cities	country	countries
family	families	lady	ladies
baby	babies	story	stories

4. Nouns ending with **-y** and preceded by a vowel form their plurals by adding only **-s**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
day	days	toy	toys
key	keys	ray	rays
boy	boys	joy	joys

5. Nouns ending with **-o** and a consonant before o, generally form their plurals by adding **-es** to the singular nouns.

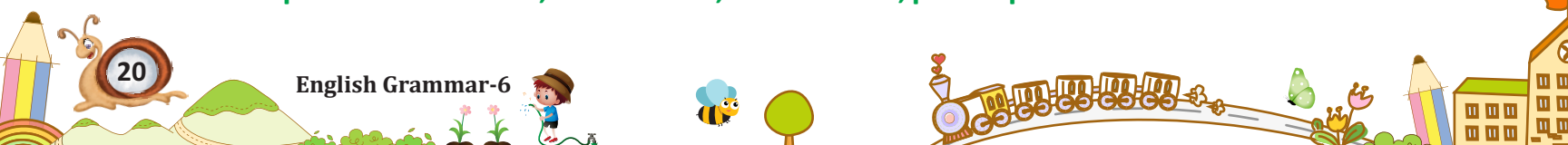
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
veto	veto <del>s</del>	echo	echoes
cargo	cargo <del>s</del>	hero	heroes
mango	mango <del>s</del>	mosquito	mosquitoes

**Exceptions : kilo - kilos, piano - pianos, dynamo - dynamos**

6. Nouns ending with **-f** or **-fe** form their plural by changing **-f** or **-fe** into **-ves**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
calf	calves	half	halves
knife	knives	shelf	shelves
life	lives	loaf	loaves
leaf	leaves	thief	thieves

**Exceptions : roof - roofs, hoof - hoofs, chief - chiefs, proof - proofs**





7. A few nouns form their plurals by changing the inside vowel / vowels to the singular.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
tooth	teeth	basis	bases
foot	feet	mouse	mice
woman	women	louse	lice
man	men	goose	geese

8. To some nouns - 'en' is added to get their plural :

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
ox	oxen	child	children

9. Some nouns have same form for singular as well as plural :

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
fish	fish	deer	deer
sheep	sheep		



## Spot the Error

- ⊙ *The scissor is very sharp.*

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- ⊙ *The cattles are grazing in the field.*

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- ⊙ *We saw many deers in the forest.*

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10. Some nouns are always used with singular verb.

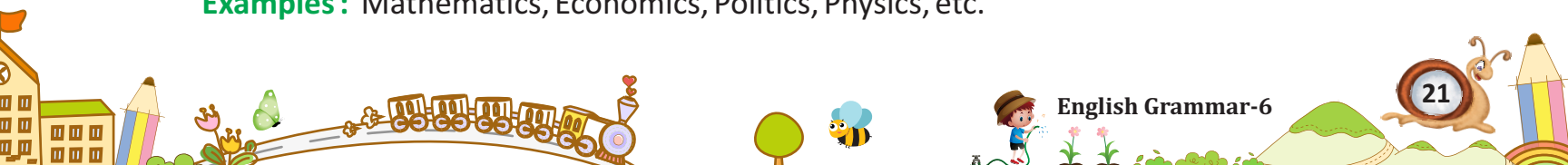
**Examples :** bread, business, advice, language, furniture, poetry, scenery, economics, civics, physics, mathematics, news, innings, etc.

11. Some nouns are always used with plural verb.

**Examples :** scissors, trousers, billiards, teachings, people, cattle, gymnastics, mumps, gentry, alphabet, poultry, spectacles, etc.

12. Some nouns look plural but are used in the singular.

**Examples :** Mathematics, Economics, Politics, Physics, etc.





**A. Write the plural of the following words.**

1. tree \_\_\_\_\_
3. city \_\_\_\_\_
5. bus \_\_\_\_\_
7. lady \_\_\_\_\_
9. butterfly \_\_\_\_\_
11. tooth \_\_\_\_\_
13. woman \_\_\_\_\_
15. buffalo \_\_\_\_\_
17. mosquito \_\_\_\_\_
19. deer \_\_\_\_\_

2. pencil \_\_\_\_\_
4. mango \_\_\_\_\_
6. boy \_\_\_\_\_
8. reply \_\_\_\_\_
10. foot \_\_\_\_\_
12. mouse \_\_\_\_\_
14. goose \_\_\_\_\_
16. cargo \_\_\_\_\_
18. fish \_\_\_\_\_
20. sheep \_\_\_\_\_



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**B. Circle the correct plural form of the words given in the left side.**

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|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>watch</b>         | watches        | watchs         | watch           |
| 2. <b>peach</b>         | peaches        | peachs         | peach           |
| 3. <b>baby</b>          | babies         | babys          | babis           |
| 4. <b>city</b>          | citys          | cities         | city            |
| 5. <b>father-in-law</b> | father-in-laws | fathers-in-law | fathers-in-laws |
| 6. <b>box</b>           | boxes          | boxs           | box             |
| 7. <b>child</b>         | childs         | childes        | children        |
| 8. <b>deer</b>          | deers          | deer           | deeres          |
| 9. <b>sheep</b>         | sheeps         | sheep          | sheepes         |
| 10. <b>hero</b>         | hero           | heros          | heroes          |

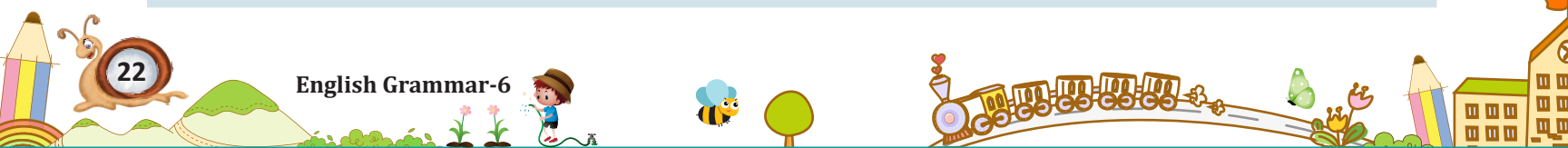


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**Points to Remember**

- Nouns have two numbers: **Singular and Plural**.
- Nouns that refer to one person, place, thing, animal or idea are called **Singular nouns**.
- Nouns that refer to more than one person, place, thing, animal or idea are called **Plural nouns**.
- Some nouns are always used with singular verbs.  
**Examples :** News, Mathematics, Physics, Innings, etc.
- Some nouns are always used with plural verbs.  
**Examples :** poultry, mumps, gymnastics, cattle, etc.







## My Activity Corner

Work in groups. Each group may consist of four or five members considering the total number of students. Each person in a group can choose one of the following topics to speak about. Describe these places with as many as plural nouns you can use.

- ⊙ a bus stand
- ⊙ a railway station
- ⊙ an airport
- ⊙ a park
- ⊙ a visit to a zoo



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