# Nouns

## Singular vs. Plural

A **singular** noun is an individual person, place or thing. A **plural** noun is the word for more than one.

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We add **s** and **es** to the end of singular nouns to show that they are plural.

### Spelling Rules: Adding s to Make a Plural

For many words all you need to do is add an **s** to the end of the word. Examples:

- cat → cats
- egg → eggs
- jump → jumps

There are exceptions to this rule. Use this chart to help you remember what to do to make certain words plural.

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<td>change nothing</td>
<td>-es</td>
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<td>-s</td>
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<td>mass → masses</td>
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<td>-sh</td>
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<td>brush → brushes</td>
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<td>-x</td>
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<td>match → matches</td>
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<td>-z</td>
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<td>consonant + y</td>
<td>remove the y</td>
<td>-ies</td>
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**How to Make a Noun Plural**

Most singular nouns can be made plural by just adding an **s** to the end. For nouns ending in **x, z, s, sh** and **ch**, you can form the plural by adding an **es** to the end.

**Directions:** Look at the pictures and write each noun in singular and plural form.

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More Than One

Write the plural for each word by adding *s* or *es*.

- apple _____________
- fox _______________
- brush _______________
- ball _______________
- tent _______________
- sandwich ___________
- watch _______________
- ax ________________
- pig ________________
- house ______________
- bee ________________
- tomato ______________

For words that end in *o* you normally just add *s* to make it plural, but there are exceptions.

Example: volcano ➔ volcanoes.

Add *es* to these words ending with *o*.

- tomato _______________
- potato _______________
Plurals Word Search

Directions: Write the plural for each word by adding **s** or **es** to the end. Circle the plural forms found in the word search.

- pencil _______________
- cup _______________
- fox _______________
- crayon _______________
- house _______________
- cat _______________
- witch _______________
- box _______________

Word Search:

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B O X E S B R Y
C W I T C H E S
R I X E S Q C G
A J C U P S A F
Y M U Z O E T O
O O P E S A S X
N H O U S E S E
S P E N C I L S
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The Irregular Plural Noun

Make the nouns below plural but, be careful, they are irregular. Regular plural nouns just have an s at the end, but irregular plural nouns are different.

leaf  ________________________

tooth ________________________

goose ________________________

scarf ________________________

kiss ________________________

wolf ________________________