

Nouns: Singular and Plural

Exercise 25

Nouns that name one person, place, or thing are said to have singular number. EXAMPLES: *girl, sound, pear, lake.*

Nouns that name more than one person, place, or thing are said to have plural number. EXAMPLES: *girls, sounds, pears, lakes.*

Most nouns form their plurals by adding *s*: *girl, girls; top, tops.*

Most nouns ending in *ch, sh, s, or x* form their plurals by adding *es*: *church, churches; brush, brushes; ax, axes.*

Nouns ending in *y* that have a consonant before the *y* form their plurals by changing the *y* to *i* and adding *es*: *city, cities; army, armies.*

Nouns ending in *y* preceded by a vowel form their plurals regularly (by adding *s*): *boy, boys.*

Some nouns ending in *f* or *fe* form their plurals by changing the *f* or *fe* to *ves*: *loaf, loaves; thief, thieves.*

Some nouns ending in *f* or *fe* form their plurals by adding *s*: *roof, roofs; bluff, bluffs.*

Most nouns ending in *o* that have a vowel just before the *o* form their plurals by adding *s*: *radio, radios.*

Some nouns ending in *o* that have a consonant just before the *o* form their plurals by adding *es*: *potato, potatoes.*

Some nouns ending in *o* that have a consonant just before the *o* form their plurals by adding *s*: *piano, pianos.*

A few nouns follow no rule in forming their plurals: *foot, feet; child, children.*

A few nouns have the same form for both numbers: *trout, trout; sheep, sheep.*

A. Write the plural for each noun.

1. newspaper _____

2. chair _____

3. town _____

4. half _____

5. valley _____

6. body _____

7. book _____

8. leaf _____

9. brush _____

10. office _____

11. box _____

12. man _____

13. city _____

14. tax _____

15. wolf _____

16. alley _____

17. teacher _____

18. school _____

19. day _____

20. copy _____

21. author _____

22. county _____

23. family _____

24. deer _____

25. zero _____

26. wife _____

Subtract 4 points for each error.

Score: _____

B. Write the plural for each noun.

1. boy _____
2. country _____
3. knife _____
4. journey _____
5. history _____
6. dress _____
7. dish _____
8. loaf _____
9. sandwich _____
10. sister _____
11. half _____
12. army _____
13. apple _____
14. peach _____
15. pair _____

16. pencil _____
17. switch _____
18. bush _____
19. child _____
20. building _____
21. inch _____
22. lily _____
23. thief _____
24. hoof _____
25. cuff _____
26. fife _____
27. toy _____
28. potato _____
29. pine _____
30. baby _____

Subtract 3 points for each error.

Score: _____

C. Write the plural for each noun.

1. house _____
2. monkey _____
3. mouse _____
4. boot _____
5. foot _____
6. story _____
7. church _____
8. pan _____
9. cherry _____
10. radio _____
11. holiday _____
12. six _____

13. class _____
14. chimney _____
15. pen _____
16. tooth _____
17. piano _____
18. tree _____
19. pencil _____
20. hero _____
21. library _____
22. sash _____
23. roof _____
24. curtain _____

Subtract 4 points for each error.

Score: _____

Plurals

5. Read the rules and examples with your teacher.

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
book	books
car	cars
box	boxes
dish	dishes
lunch	lunches
bus	buses
baby	babies
boy	boys
life	lives
shelf	shelves
person	people
child	children
man	men
woman	women
foot	feet
tooth	teeth

Add -s.
 Add -es.
 Drop the y. Add -ies.
 Add -s.
 Change f to v.
 irregular words

consonant
 vowel

Write the plurals.

1. brother _____
2. person _____
3. day _____
4. dish _____
5. foot _____
6. apple _____
7. lady _____
8. shelf _____
9. book _____
10. class _____
11. fork _____
12. lunch _____
13. stamp _____
14. woman _____
15. watch _____
16. glass _____
17. house _____
18. box _____
19. half _____
20. man _____
21. child _____

Now say the words with your teacher and classmates.