

Singular means one. Plural means more than one.

1. We add **s** to many singular nouns to make them plural.
2. If the singular noun ends with **s**, **sh**, **ch** or **x**, we add **es** to make it plural.
3. If the singular noun ends with a **consonant +y** we change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.
4. If the singular noun ends with a **vowel +y**, we add an **s** to make it plural.
5. If the singular noun ends with **f**, we often change the **f** to **v** and add **es** to make it plural.
6. If the singular noun ends with **o**, we often add **es** to make it plural.

Plurals (1)

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For most words you
just need to add s
e.g. *boy* → *boys*

Turn these singular words into plurals.

1. car

2. pen

3. pig

4. dog

5. ball

6. coat

7. shoe

8. flag

9. book

10. table

Turn these plurals into singular words.

11. cats

12. rulers

13. bikes

14. houses

15. ducks

16. goals

Plurals (2)

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If words end in *s*, *sh*,
ch or *x* then add *es*
e.g. *box* → *boxes*

Turn these singular words into plurals.

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|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 1. | bush | 6. | dish |
| 2. | glass | 7. | witch |
| 3. | watch | 8. | fox |
| 4. | church | 9. | beach |
| 5. | brush | 10. | wish |

Turn these plurals into singular words.

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| 11. | lunches | 14. | sketches |
| 12. | beaches | 15. | switches |
| 13. | crashes | 16. | peaches |

Plurals (3)

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If words end in a
consonant + y then
get rid of the y and
add *ies*
e.g. puppy → puppies

Turn these singular words into plurals.

1. penny

2. lolly

3. fairy

4. city

5. army

6. berry

7. jelly

8. party

9. baby

10. fly

Turn these plurals into singular words.

11. dollies

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Plurals (4)

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If words end in a vowel
+ y then just add s
e.g. key → keys

Turn these singular words into plurals.

1. monkey

3. day

2. key

4. donkey

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If words end in f or fe
then get rid of the f
and add ves
e.g. half → halves

Turn these singular words into plurals.

1. half

5. life

2. leaf

6. calf

3. knife

7. wolf

4. wife

8. shelf

Plurals (5)

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Some words change
completely,
e.g. mouse → mice

Turn these singular words into plurals.

1. person

2. child

3. man

4. woman

5. tooth

6. goose

7. foot

8. ?

Extension Tasks

Can you find other examples of words that fit each of the rules?

Can you find any words that don't fit these rules?

Plurals (6)

You will need to decide which spelling rule you use on each of these words.

Turn these singular words into plurals.

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|----|--------|-----|-------|
| 1. | dolly | 6. | try |
| 2. | window | 7. | lip |
| 3. | bunch | 8. | wolf |
| 4. | pig | 9. | box |
| 5. | tick | 10. | broly |

Turn these plurals into singular words.

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|-----|---------|-----|----------|
| 11. | classes | 15. | punches |
| 12. | taxes | 16. | schools |
| 13. | friends | 17. | mice |
| 14. | jellies | 18. | triangle |