

Singular And Plural Nouns

(A noun standing for one person, animal, place or thing is said to be in the **singular number**.) Examples man, cow, street, pillar, etc.

(A noun standing for more than one person, animal, place or thing is said to be in the **plural number**.) Examples men, cows, streets, pillars, etc.

Forming Plurals

★ Most nouns are made plural by adding an **-s**:

pen	-	pens	pencil	-	pencils
book	-	books	file	-	files
camera	-	cameras	lesson	-	lessons
car	-	cars	artist	-	artists



★ Nouns ending with **-o, -s, -ss, -x, -ch, -sh,** and **-tch** are made plural by adding **-es** to the singular form:

wish	-	wishes	watch	-	watches
fox	-	foxes	bus	-	buses
potato	-	potatoes	pass	-	passes
tax	-	taxes	latch	-	latches



Exceptions:

radio	-	radios	photo	-	photos
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★ If the noun ends in **-f** or **-fe**, change **-f** or **-fe** to **-v**, and add **-es**:

knife	-	knives	wife	-	wives
thief	-	thieves	shelf	-	shelves



★ If a noun's singular form ends with a consonant plus -y, change the -y to -i and then add -es:

baby	-	babies	candy	-	candies
sky	-	skies	spy	-	spies
fly	-	flies	country	-	countries
city	-	cities	dictionary	-	dictionaries



Note: Proper nouns are exceptions to the rule.

the Wendys (not Wendies)

the Kennedys (not Kennedies)



★ Some irregular plural forms:

man	-	men	woman	-	women
foot	-	feet	tooth	-	teeth
child	-	children	medium	-	media
sheep	-	sheep	radius	-	radii

Note: A singular subject takes a singular verb, and a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Example: 1. The news reporter is presenting the story inaccurately.

2. A few dictionaries are lying on the table.

No Singular Form	No Plural Form
cattle	news
trousers	information
scissors	measles
spectacles	furniture
police	baggage
glasses	advice
pants	knowledge
shorts	rubbish



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 Change the sentences from singular to plural. Make other necessary changes in the sentences.

- A knife is made of steel.
 Knives are made of steel.
- There is a beautiful city in the valley.
 There are beautiful cities in the valley.
- Is your T-shirt clean?
 Are your T-shirts clean?
- The commander-in-chief of the army was a brave man.
 The commander in chief of the army was brave man.
- The policeman caught the thief.
 The policemen caught the thieves.
- The baby is sleeping.
 The babies are sleeping.
- The child always plays in the park.
 The children always play in the parks.
- The sheep is eating grass.
 The sheep are eating grasses.
- The cooked carrot is in your plate.
 The cooked carrots are in your plate.
- The fairy told the child an interesting story.
 The faeries told the children and interesting stories.



Write the plurals of the following.

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| 1. lorry |lorries..... | 2. truck |trucks..... |
| 3. story |stories..... | 4. mattress |mattresses..... |
| 5. fairy |faeries..... | 6. witch |witches..... |
| 7. medium |media..... | 8. sheep |sheep..... |
| 9. pass |passes..... | 10. tax |taxes..... |

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Write the plurals of the following.

1. Man
2. Tooth
3. Sheep
4. City
5. Country
6. Girl
7. Dictionary
8. Medium
9. Radius
10. Child

Answer-

1. Men
2. Teeth
3. Sheep
4. Cities
5. Countries
6. Girls
7. Dictionaries
8. Media
9. Radii
10. Children