

Spelling plurals

Learning objective: to learn to spell plurals

Nouns (people, places and things) can be either singular or plural.



For example:

one dog (singular)

two dogs (plural)



Remember!
To make most words plural, you just add an 's'.

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1. To make some nouns plural, you just add an 's'. Add an 's' to the end of these nouns to make them plural.

banana__ girl__ boy__ day__ star__

2. To make some other nouns plural, you add 'es'. Write 'es' at the end of these nouns to make them plural.

potato__ bus__ box__ dish__
watch__ dress__ tomato__ brush__
bench__ glass__ wish__ volcano__

Learning the rules will help you to spell plurals.



DEFINITION

singular: A singular word indicates that there is just one thing.

plural: A plural word indicates that there is more than one thing.

Remember!

When nouns end in 'ch', 'sh', 's', 'ss' or 'x' add 'es' to make them plural. When a noun ends in 'o' we also usually add 'es'.

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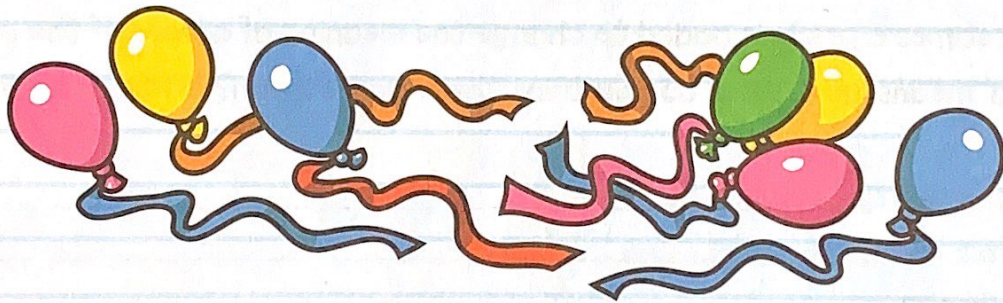


1. When a noun ends in an 'f' sound, drop the 'f' and write 'ves'. Write these nouns as plurals.

leaf > lea _____ knife > kni _____ calf > cal _____

2. When a noun ends in a consonant followed by a 'y', drop the 'y' and write 'ies'. Have a go at these.

baby > _____ butterfly > _____ pony > _____
story > _____ party > _____ lady > _____



Some plurals don't follow the rules. You will need to learn these separately.

mouse > mice tooth > teeth man > men

3. Write the plurals for these tricky nouns. You can use a dictionary to help you.

goose > _____ sheep > _____ deer > _____
foot > _____ child > _____ woman > _____