

# UNIT 5

## Singular and plural

**Singular** means **one** person, animal or thing.

**Plural** means **more than one** person, animal or thing.

To make a noun **plural**, we usually add **s**.



one mask



two masks

To make nouns ending in **ch**, **sh**, **s** an **x** plural, we add **es**.



buses



watches



bushes



foxes

When a noun ends in **consonant + y**, we **drop the y** and **add ies**.

one **pony** two ponies

one **baby** two babies



When a noun ends in **vowel + y**, we just add **s**.

one **toy** two toys



Remember! The vowels are **a**, **e**, **i**, **o** and **u**.

### Focus

Write the **plurals** of these words.

1 flask

2 class

3 disaster

4 spot

5 tray

6 church

7 hobby

8 fly

9 flash

10 lorry

11 body

12 day

### Practice

**A** Write the **plural** of these words.

- 1 lady      2 puppy      3 lily      4 city

**B** Use each of the **plural nouns** from A in *sentences* of your own.

**C** Write the **singular** of these words.

- 1 cherries      2 armies      3 bays      4 diaries

**D** Use each of the **singular nouns** from C in *sentences* of your own.

### Extension

Copy the sentences.

Use a word ending in **s**, **es** or **ies** to complete each one.

1 Small horses are called \_\_\_\_\_.



2 Big roads for fast-moving traffic are called \_\_\_\_\_.



3 There are 196 \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.



4 \_\_\_\_\_ are areas of low land between hills.



5 \_\_\_\_\_ are used to lock doors.



6 When the weather is hot, people often eat ice \_\_\_\_\_.

