

Nouns (Number)

COUNTABLE NOUNS

Singular Number

Denotes ONE (1)

Plural Number

Denotes MORE THAN
ONE (>1)

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #1. The Plural of nouns is generally formed by adding -s to the singular

Singular

Boy

Pen

Chair

Girl

Cow

Plural

Boys

Pens

Chairs

Girls

Cows

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #2. Nouns ending in -s, -sh, -ch (soft), or -x form the plural by adding -es to the singular

Singular

Plural

Class

Classes

Dish

Dishes

Match

Matches

Box

Boxes

Tax

Taxes

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #3. Most Nouns ending in –o form the plural by adding -es to the singular

Singular

Buffalo

Potato

Hero

Mango

Volcano

Plural

Buffaloes

Potatoes

Heroes

Mangoes

Volcanoes

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #4. A few Nouns ending in –o form the plural by adding -s to the singular

Singular

Plural

Piano

Pianos

Photo

Photos

Kilo

Kilos

Logo

Logos

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #5. Nouns ending in -y, preceded by a consonant, form their plural by changing -y into -ies

Singular

Baby

Lady

City

Story

Plural

Babies

Ladies

Cities

Stories

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #6. Nouns ending in -f or -fe

Change -f or -fe to -ves

Singular

Plural

Thief

Thieves

Calf

Calves

Self

Selves

Add -s to the Plural form

Singular

Plural

Chief

Chiefs

Safe

Safes

Proof

Proofs

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #6. Change the inside vowel of the Singular Noun

Singular

Man

Woman

Foot

Mouse

Plural

Men

Women

Feet

Mice

Transformation of Nouns (Number)

Rule #7. Add –en to the Singular noun

Singular

Ox

Child

Plural

Oxen

Children

Rule #8. Some nouns have the singular and the plural alike

Swine, fish, sheep, deer; cod, trout, salmon; aircraft, spacecraft, series, species.
Pair, dozen, score, gross, hundred, thousand (when used after numerals)

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Rule #9. Some nouns are used only in the Plural

Scissors, Tongs, Spectacles, Trousers, Drawers, Jeans, Tights, Shorts, Pyjamas etc.

Rule #10. Some nouns look Plural but are Singular

Mathematics, Physics, Electronics, News, Measles etc.

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Rule #11. Add –s to the Principal word in Compound Nouns to make them Plural

Singular

Commander-in-chief

Son-in-law

Step-son

Man-of-war

Plural

Commanders-in-chief

Sons-in-law

Step-sons

Men-of-war