

Plurals

Language focus

Many nouns are countable nouns. We can count them. Countable nouns have two forms: singular and plural.

- We use a singular noun to talk about one person, animal, thing or place.

e.g. I have a cat.

We use a plural noun to talk about more than one person, animal, thing or place.

e.g. I have two cats.

	Singular noun	Plural noun
1. Add '-s' to most nouns.	cap	caps
2. Add '-es' to nouns ending in '-s', '-x', '-z', '-ch', and '-sh'	bus	buses
3. Add '-s' to nouns ending in vowel and '-y'.	key	keys
4. Change '-y' into '-ies' for nouns ending in consonant and '-y'.	baby	babies
5. Change '-f' or '-fe' to '-ves' for some* nouns ending in '-f' or '-fe'.	leaf	leaves
6. Add '-es' to some* nouns ending in '-o'.	tomato	tomatoes
7. There are no spelling rules for irregular nouns.	child feet	children foot

*There are some exceptions to the nouns ending in '-f', '-fe' and '-o'.

e.g. roofs, photos

A. Fill in the blanks with plural form of the words.

1.



four _____ (watch)

2.



two _____ (cup)

3.



five _____ (lamp)

5.



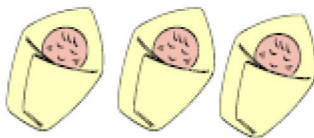
three _____ (key)

7.



four _____

9.



three _____

4.



two _____ (church)

6.



three _____ (ball)

8.



three _____

10.



two _____

B. Join the singular nouns with the correct plural nouns.

- 1. a match ●
- 2. a monkey ●
- 3. a glass ●
- 4. a baby ●
- 5. a chair ●
- 6. a box ●
- 7. a beach ●
- 8. a pen ●
- 9. a tomato ●

- two monkeys
- three matches
- three chairs
- four babies
- ten glasses
- two beaches
- five boxes
- two flowers
- two tomatoes

C. Fill in the blanks below with correct irregular plural nouns.

Singular	Plural
a man	
a women	
a foot	
a tooth	
a goose	
a fish	
a deer	
a sheep	
a mouse	
a child	

- The monster has five _____ !
- The _____ are eating some cheese.
- The _____ are swimming in the sea.
- There are ten _____ in the farm.
- _____ wear ties and _____ wear dresses.
- The _____ are playing in the park.
- Sarah is brushing her _____.

