

## Plural Noun Rules

1. To make regular nouns plural, **add -s to the end.**

e.g. *cat – cats*                      *house – houses*

2. If the singular noun ends in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, or -z, **add -es to the end.**

e.g. *bus – buses*                      *brush – brushes*  
*lunch – lunches*                      *tax – taxes*

3. If the noun ends with -f or -fe, **the f is often changed to -ve before adding the -s to form the plural**

e.g. *wife – wives*                      *wolf – wolves*

**\*\*Exceptions:** *roof – roofs*              *belief – beliefs*

*chef – chefs*                      *chief – chiefs*

4. If a singular noun ends in -y and the letter before the -y is a consonant, **change the ending to -ies to make the plural.**

e.g. *city – cities*                      *puppy – puppies*

5. If the singular noun ends in -y and the letter before the -y is a vowel, **simply add an -s to make it plural.**

e.g. *ray – rays*                      *boy – boys*

6. If the singular noun ends in -o, **add -es to make it plural.**

e.g. *potato – potatoes*                      *tomato – tomatoes*

**\*\*Exceptions:** *photo – photos*              *piano – pianos*

7. Some nouns don't change at all when they're pluralized.

e.g. *sheep – sheep*              *series – series*              *species – species*              *deer – deer*

8. Irregular plural:

e.g. *child – children*                      *goose – geese*                      *man – men*  
*woman – women*                      *tooth – teeth*                      *foot – feet*  
*mouse – mice*                      *person – people*