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

A cat – cats

A house – houses

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

A bus – buses

A kiss- kisses

A lunch – lunches

A tax – taxes

A buzz- buzzes

**3** **In some cases, singular nouns ending in -s or -z, require that you double the -s or -z prior to adding the -es for pluralization.**

gas –gasses

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

A wife – wives

A wolf – wolves

A leaf- leaves

A life- lives

**Exceptions:**

A roof – roofs

A belief – beliefs

A chef – chefs

A chief – chiefs

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

A city – cities

A puppy – puppies

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

A ray – rays

A boy – boys

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

A potato – potatoes

A tomato – tomatoes

**Exceptions:**

A photo – photos

A piano – pianos

With the unique word volcano, you can apply the standard pluralization for words that end in -o or not. It’s your choice! Both of the following are correct:

volcanoes

volcanos

**8** **If the singular noun ends in ‑is, the plural ending is ‑es.**

analysis – analyses

ellipsis – ellipses

**9** **If the singular noun ends in ‑on, the plural ending is ‑a.**

phenomenon – phenomena

criterion – criteria

**11** **Some nouns don’t change at all when they’re pluralized.**

sheep – sheep

series – series

species – species

deer –deer

You need to see these nouns in context to identify them as singular or plural. Consider the following sentence:

Mark caught one **fish**, but I caught three **fish**.

**Plural Noun Rules for Irregular Nouns**

Irregular nouns follow no specific rules, so it’s best to memorize these or look up the proper pluralization in the dictionary.

**A child – children**

A goose – geese

**A man – men**

**A woman – women**

**A tooth – teeth**

**A foot – feet**

A mouse – mice

**A person – peoplehttps://pixel.newscred.com/px.gif?key=YXJ0aWNsZT00MTc1YzAwNGU4MGUzOWVjNDAyYTIyMjEyYmQ0YWEzZA==**