**Lesson 4: Singular and Plural nouns**

* **Noun** identifies a person, place, thing, or idea.
* A **singular noun** names one person, place, thing, or idea.
* **Plural noun** names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

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| * **Most singular nouns need an “s” at the end to become plural** * I have two book**s**. * She needs three pen**s**. * **Singular nouns that end in *ch, x, s*, or *s* sounds, add “es”** * There are some bu**ses** on the road. * There are three bo**xes** on the table. * Sophal has many wat**ches**. * **Singular nouns that end in *f* or *fe*, change *f* and add “*ves*”**   Singular Plural  wol**f** wol**ves**  wi**fe** wi**ves**   * **Some singular nouns have different plural forms**   *Singular Plural*  child children  woman women   * **Singular noun ends in ‑y and the letter before the -y is a consonant, change the ending to “ies” to make the noun plural.**   *Singular Plural*  cit**y** cit**ies**  bab**y** bab**ies**   * **Singular noun ends in -y and the letter before the -y is a vowel, add an “s” to make it plural**   *Singular Plural*  ray rays  boy boys   * **Singular noun ends in ‑o, add “es” to make it plural**   *Singular Plural*  Potato potatoes  mosquito mosquitoes   * **Some singular nouns don’t change at all when they’re pluralized**   *Singular Plural*  sheep sheep  deer deer  series series  species species  fish fish |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 01:** *Write down the correct plural form of the following singular nouns.*

1. City: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Cities\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. Photo: \_\_\_\_\_Photos\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. House: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Houses\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phones\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Boy: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Boys\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. Sandwich: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Sandwiches\_\_\_\_
4. Family: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Families\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Nurses\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Life: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Lives\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. Knife: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Knives\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Instruction 2:** *Choose the correct plural nouns of the following sentences.*

1. I have three \_\_\_\_\_daughters\_\_\_\_ all living at home.
2. daughters b. daughter
3. There are five \_\_\_\_boys\_\_\_\_\_ and four \_\_\_\_\_girls\_\_\_\_ playing tennis right now.
4. boy/girl b. boys/girls
5. \_\_\_\_babies\_\_\_\_\_ play with bottles as \_\_\_\_toys\_\_\_\_\_.
6. Babies/toys b. Baby/toy
7. For dinner, we are having boiled \_\_\_\_potatoes\_\_\_\_\_ and sliced \_\_\_\_radishes\_\_\_\_\_.
8. potato/radish b. potatoes/radishes
9. Nowadays, few men wear \_\_\_\_watches\_\_\_\_\_. Instead, they check the time on their cell phones.
10. watches b. watchs
11. I put some \_\_\_\_\_memoes\_\_\_\_ on my boss' desk.
12. memoes b. memos
13. I saw three \_\_\_\_\_mice\_\_\_ running down the street.
14. mice b. mouses
15. There are few \_\_\_\_\_buses\_\_\_\_ on the road today.
16. bus b. buses
17. I will buy two \_\_\_\_cakes\_\_\_\_\_ for the party today.
18. cakes b. cakeis
19. He has two \_\_\_\_\_sons\_\_\_\_ and three daughters.
20. son b. sons

**Instruction 3:** *Complete the gaps with either* ***singular*** *or* ***plural nouns*** *with the noun in the parentheses.*

1. This (person) \_\_\_\_\_people\_\_\_\_ is protesting against the president.
2. The (student) \_\_\_\_\_student\_\_\_\_ over there wants to meet the manager.
3. I want to buy three (table) \_\_\_\_tables\_\_\_\_\_.
4. They saw one (cat) \_\_\_\_cat\_\_\_\_\_ in your bedroom yesterday.
5. Sophal has many (dog) \_\_\_\_dogs\_\_\_\_\_ at home.
6. I clean my (tooth) \_\_\_\_teeth\_\_\_\_\_ three times a day.
7. The (student) \_\_\_\_students\_\_\_\_\_ are doing the exercise right now.
8. The (fish) \_\_\_\_fish\_\_\_\_\_ I bought is in the fridge.
9. They are sending some (man) \_\_\_\_men\_\_\_\_\_ to fix the roof.
10. Some of the (housewife) \_\_\_\_\_hoseswives\_\_\_\_ in Cambodia work more than ten hours a day at home.