

# LIN 200 Assignment 3

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## Part 1

The pattern that is shown in the given example seems to be that the s is not dropped when the plural object is at the end of the sentence. However, if the object is somewhere in the middle of the sentence then the s is dropped. This might be because when it is dropped in the middle, the sentence still flows properly but dropping it at the end makes the sentence sound a bit abrupt, as if something is still to follow. No it doesn't seem like it has anything to do with the meaning of the words or the sound.

## Part 2

In these cases, there is no numerical value before the plural words. Dropping an s in this case would cause ambiguity between whether it's single or double. For example, saying "We had pound of fish that spoiled" could possibly mean "We had pounds of fish that spoiled" or "We had a pound of fish that spoiled". As a result the s cannot be dropped without a numerical value before the object. So the corrected rule is that the s is dropped if it is in the middle of the sentence and not the end, with a numerical value before it.

## Part 3

1. She had three pounds of fish left. **POSSIBLE**
2. She has pounds and pounds of fish left. **NOT POSSIBLE**
3. There are six Russian cats in the yard. **POSSIBLE**
4. There are Russian cats everywhere. **NOT POSSIBLE**
5. It seems to be many miles to the top. **NOT POSSIBLE**