

Regular plurals.

In order to change a singular noun to its plural form in English, you usually add "s".

EXAMPLES :

- Doctor → Doctors
- Patient → Patients

These are **regular plurals**.

But there are many nouns which don't follow this rule.

EXAMPLES :

- Woman → Women
- Child → Children

These are **irregular plurals**.

Regular plurals:

Rule 1:

The plural form of most nouns is created simply by adding the letter "s".

EXAMPLES :

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Breast	Breast ^s
Patient	Patients ^s
Gynecologist	Gynecologists ^s

Rule 2:

Nouns that end in -ch, x, s, z or s-like sounds, however, will require an "es" for the plural.

EXAMPLES :

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Uterus	Uterus ^{es}
Cervix	Cervix ^{es}
Stitch	Stitch ^{es}

Rule 3:

Nouns that end in a vowel + y take the letter "s":

EXAMPLES :

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Kidney	Kidney s
Boy	Boy s

Rule 4:

Nouns that end in a consonant + y drop the **y** and take **“ies”**:

EXAMPLES :

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Baby	Bab y ies
Hysterectomy	Hysterectom y ies
Body	Bod y ies
Surgery	Surger y ies

Rule 5:

Plurals of nouns that end in **“f”** or **“fe”** usually change the **“f”** sound to a **“v”** sound and add **“s”** or **“es”**.

EXAMPLES :

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Life	Liv f es
Wife	Wiv f es
Self	Selv f es

Rule 6:

- 1) A lot of nouns that end in **“o”** take **“es”** in the plural.
 - 2) Some nouns ending in **“o”** break the above rule and get **“os”** in the plural form.
 - 3) Other nouns ending in **“o”** get either **“os”** or **“oes”** in the plural forms.
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EXAMPLES :

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<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Echo	Echoes

2-

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Embryo	Embry o os
Lanugo	Lanug o os

3-

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
Vertigo	Vertigo ^s / Vertigo ^{es}
Zero	Zeros ^s / Zero ^{es}