

# Plural Nouns

Plural nouns name more than one person, place, or thing.  
Most plural nouns end in -s. Other plural nouns follow special rules.

## Rules

## Examples

Add -es to nouns that end in <i>x</i> , <i>z</i> , <i>ch</i> , <i>sh</i> , <i>s</i> , or <i>ss</i>	foxes, bushes, patches
Add -s to nouns that end with a vowel plus <i>y</i>	boys, keys
For nouns ending with a consonant plus <i>y</i> , change the <i>y</i> to <i>i</i> , and add -es	spies, parties
For most nouns ending in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> , change the <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> to <i>v</i> , and add -es	halves, lives
Add -s to most nouns that end with a vowel plus <i>o</i>	patios, radios
For some nouns ending in a consonant plus <i>o</i> , add -s or -es	silos, tomatoes

Write the plural form for each noun. Use a dictionary to help you.

- essay essays
- lady ladies
- leaf leaves
- studio studios
- wolf wolves
- church churches
- agency agencies
- wish wishes
- buzz buzzes

- circus circuses
- class classes
- hero heroes
- monkey monkeys
- calf calves
- dish dishes
- lunch lunches
- glass glasses
- wax waxes

## Possessive Nouns

A possessive noun shows ownership. A singular noun ends with an apostrophe and s ('s). A plural noun ends with s and an apostrophe (s'). Irregular plural nouns end with an apostrophe and s ('s).

Singular Possessive Noun	Plural Possessive Noun
teacher's lesson	teachers' lesson
class's play	classes' play
child's game	children's game



A. Write the possessive form for each underlined noun.

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|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|----------|
| 1. the <u>dog</u> tail      | dog's      | 7. four <u>hens</u> feathers | hen's    |
| 2. the <u>children</u> pony | children's | 8. the <u>sheep</u> wool     | sheep's  |
| 3. <u>Thomas</u> cat        | Thomas's   | 9. the <u>chicks</u> food    | chick's  |
| 4. the <u>pigs</u> tails    | pig's      | 10. our <u>cow</u> milk      | cow's    |
| 5. that <u>spider</u> web   | spider's   | 11. the <u>rabbits</u> food  | rabbit's |
| 6. the <u>bees</u> honey    | bee's      | 12. the <u>donkey</u> stall  | donkey's |

B. Fill in the missing forms of each noun on the chart.

Singular	Singular Possessive	Plural	Plural Possessive
13. fox	fox's	foxes	foxs'
14. kitten	kitten's	kittens	kittens'
15. horse	horse's	horses	horses'
16. insect	insect's	insects	insects'
17. duck	duck's	ducks	duck's