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**CLASS III**  
**NOUN NUMBER**

**SINGULAR NOUN** – The word singular means just one of something.

Examples: a house, a dog, a bag, a pen

**PLURAL NOUN** – The word plural means more than one of something.

Examples: houses, dogs, bags, pens

**REMEMBER –**

1. Most singular nouns form the plural by adding **-s**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
boat	boats
car	cars
house	houses
tree	trees

2. Singular nouns ending in 's', 'x', 'z', 'ch' or 'sh' form the plural by adding **-es**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
bus	buses
box	boxes
church	churches
wish	wishes

3. Singular nouns ending in a consonant and the letter 'y' form the plural by dropping the 'y' and adding **-ies**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
penny	pennies
baby	babies
daisy	daisies
spy	spies

4. Singular nouns ending in a vowel and the letter 'y' form the plural by simply adding **-s**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
boy	boys
toy	toys
valley	valleys
tray	trays

5. Some singular nouns ending in 'o' form the plural by adding **-s**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
piano	pianos
photo	photos
memo	memos
kilo	kilos
video	videos

6. But some singular nouns ending in 'o' form the plural by adding **-es**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
potato	potatoes
hero	heroes
tomato	tomatoes
echo	echoes

7. Nouns that end in 'f' or 'fe' usually form the plural by dropping the 'f' and adding **-ves**.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
thief	thieves
knife	knives
elf	elves
leaf	leaves

8. Some tricky nouns are the same in the singular and the plural forms.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
sheep	sheep
fish	fish
deer	deer
aircraft	aircraft

9. Some nouns are completely irregular and do not follow any of these patterns.

<b>SINGULAR</b>	<b>PLURAL</b>
foot	feet
child	children
woman	women
tooth	teeth
man	men
goose	geese
ox	oxen