

EzyEnglish

Singular and Plural Nouns 1

Rule		Examples
Most nouns	Add s to form the plural.	<i>cat</i> ⇒ <i>cat<u>s</u></i> <i>truck</i> ⇒ <i>truck<u>s</u></i> <i>bug</i> ⇒ <i>bug<u>s</u></i>
Nouns that end in s, sh, x, ch, or z	Add es to form the plural. For words that end in z , add an extra z before the es . Hint: It is too hard to pronounce the words without the e . Try it – buss, brushs, foxs... You sound like a snake!	<i>bus</i> ⇒ <i>buse<u>s</u></i> <i>brush</i> ⇒ <i>brush<u>es</u></i> <i>fox</i> ⇒ <i>fox<u>es</u></i> <i>beach</i> ⇒ <i>beach<u>es</u></i> <i>quiz</i> ⇒ <i>quizz<u>es</u></i>
Nouns ending in f or fe	Some nouns ending in f or fe just add s . Sometimes it is necessary to change the f to a v . In that case, always end the word with es . Hint: Check a dictionary if you are unsure which rule a noun follows.	<i>roof</i> ⇒ <i>roof<u>s</u></i> <i>safe</i> ⇒ <i>saf<u>e</u>s</i> <i>shelf</i> ⇒ <i>shel<u>ves</u></i> <i>wife</i> ⇒ <i>wiv<u>es</u></i>