

## Plural of Nouns

### 1. Introduction:

**Nouns** can be used in the *singular*, and some of them in the *plural*. We will now learn to **form the plural of nouns**.

### 2. Rules for forming the plural of nouns:

#### 2.1. We added the **-S** to form the plural of most nouns.

apple - apples

desk - desks

shop - shops

#### 2.2. We added **-ES** to form the plural of nouns ending in **-ch, -sh, -s, -x, -z**

watch - watches

dish - dishes

bus - buses

box - boxes

quiz - quizzes

#### 2.3. To form the plural of nouns ending in **-Y**:

- ✓ If the **-Y** is preceded by a vowel, we add **-S**.

boy - boys

- ✓ If the **-Y** is preceded by a consonant, we eliminate the **-Y** and add **-IES**.

candy - candies

#### 2.4. For nouns ending in **-O** preceded by a consonant, we add **-ES**.

tomato - tomatoes

#### 2.5. In reduced forms and in words of foreign origin ending in **-O**, we add **-S**:

avocado - avocados

cello - cellos

commando - commandos

#### 2.6. For nouns ending in **-F** or **-FE**, we remove these letters and add **-VES**.

Knife - knives

Loaf - loaves

Not all nouns with these endings undergo this change. Gradually, you will learn how to use them properly.

**Stay tuned!**

There are some nouns which are called irregular:

**I) They may have a different form for the plural.**

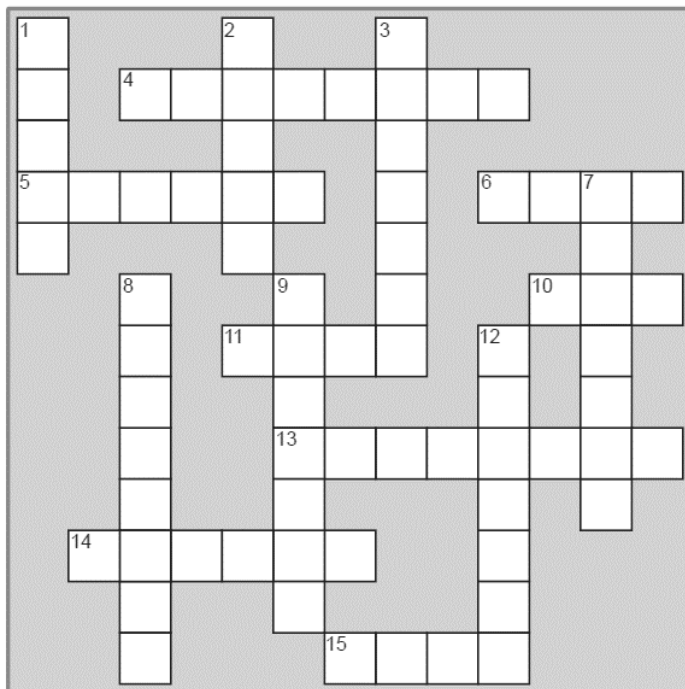
child – child**ren**  
 man – m**en**  
 woman – wom**en**  
 person – **people**  
 foot - **feet**

**II) They can have the same form for both the singular and the plural.**

fish - **fish**  
 sheep - **sheep**

**Preliminary Work:**

**1. Complete the crossword with the plural of the nouns:**



**Across**

- 4) child
- 5) kiss
- 6) fish
- 10) man
- 11) car
- 13) tomato
- 14) wish
- 15) day

**Down**

- 1) book
- 2) wife
- 3) friend
- 7) shelf
- 8) family

9) party

12) match

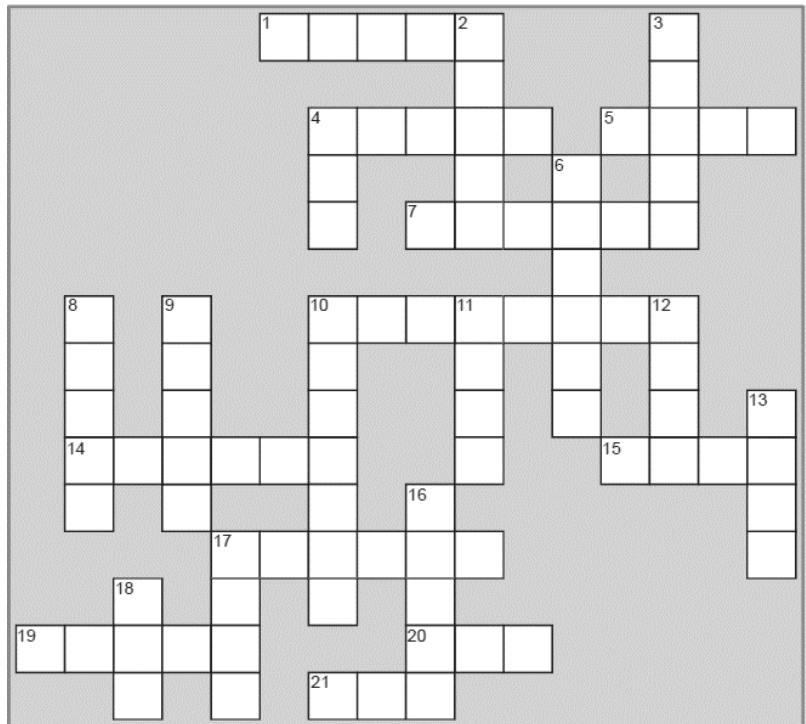
**2. Write the singular of the nouns:**

**Across**

- 1) children
- 4) mice
- 5) feet
- 7) tomatoes
- 10) sandwiches
- 14) friends
- 15) sofas
- 17) windows
- 19) shelves
- 20) boxes
- 21) boys

**Down**

- 2) discos
- 3) photos
- 4) men
- 6) families
- 8) knives
- 9) chairs
- 10) students
- 11) desks
- 12) heroes
- 13) ladies
- 16) hobbies
- 17) wives
- 18) beds



**3. Write the words in the table according to their rules of plural:**



<b>Baby</b>	Church	Dish
<b>Pencil</b>	Map	Party
<b>Candy</b>	Ball	Country
<b>Watch</b>	Car	Crayon
<b>Boss</b>	Lady	Glass
<b>Book</b>	Penny	Ship
<b>Puppy</b>	Bus	Berry

-S	-ES	-IES

**4. Write the plural of the nouns:**

- a. These **(person)** \_\_\_\_\_ are protesting against the president.
- b. The **(woman)** \_\_\_\_\_ over there want to meet the manager.
- c. My **(child)** \_\_\_\_\_ hate eating pasta.
- d. I am ill. My **(foot)** \_\_\_\_\_ hurt.
- e. Muslims kill **(sheep)** \_\_\_\_\_ in a religious celebration.
- f. I clean my **(tooth)** \_\_\_\_\_ three times a day.
- g. The **(student)** \_\_\_\_\_ are doing the exercise right now.
- h. The **(fish)** \_\_\_\_\_ I bought are in the fridge.
- i. They are sending some **(man)** \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the roof.
- j. Most **(housewife)** \_\_\_\_\_ work more than ten hours a day at home.
- k. Where did you put the **(knife)** \_\_\_\_\_?
- l. On the **(shelf)** \_\_\_\_\_.
- m. Some **(policeman)** \_\_\_\_\_ came to arrest him.

**5. Use the words below in the plural form to complete sentences:**



family / life / bicycle / photograph / sandwich / knife / foot / piano / computer

- a. This video game is very hard. You only get 3 \_\_\_\_\_ to beat the whole game! It's impossible!
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ are getting smaller in Europe. Parents are having only one or two children.
- c. A chef needs to have good \_\_\_\_\_. They need to cut a lot of things.
- d. Henry is an excellent photographer. The \_\_\_\_\_ he takes are always good. Look at this one!
- e. Jack is overweight. He eats four \_\_\_\_\_ for a snack every day!
- f. The Thompson's love cycling. They usually go cycling on Saturday morning. They have three \_\_\_\_\_.  
One for John, one for Ruth and one for their son.
- g. If you don't wash your \_\_\_\_\_ well they get smelly!
- h. My brother is a computer engineer. He fixes \_\_\_\_\_ for a living.
- i. His father is a great pianist. He has two \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

**6. Write the words below in the plural form:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| a. a lady – _____.     | i. a life – _____.       |
| b. a knife – _____.    | j. a boy – _____.        |
| c. a chair – _____.    | k. a photograph – _____. |
| d. an elf – _____.     | l. a piano – _____.      |
| e. a bicycle – _____.  | m. a family – _____.     |
| f. a foot – _____.     | n. a telephone – _____.  |
| g. a computer – _____. | o. a sandwich – _____.   |
| h. a belief – _____.   | p. a city – _____.       |

**7. Circle the correct option:**

- a. Maria's **sister / sisters** is 5 years old.
- b. Loyd's **friends / friend** lives in New York.
- c. Amanda's **child / children** study at a private school.
- d. There are three **women / woman** in that store.
- e. I usually eat two **apple / apples** for a snack.
- f. Those **cars / car** are very dirty.
- g. It is a **toys / toy**.
- h. They are horror **story / stories**.
- i. I have two **watches / watch**. One is black and the other is silver.
- j. The **dog / dogs** is on the street.
- k. The **pen / pens** on the desk are blue.
- l. Your **teeth / tooth** look horrible. You should see a dentist.

**8. Choose the correct plural:**

- a. Child                                      b. Half                                      c. Potato                                      d. Fish

( ) Childs  
( ) Child's  
( ) Children

( ) Halfs  
( ) Halfes  
( ) Halves

( ) Potatos  
( ) Potatoes  
( ) Either

( ) Fish  
( ) Fishes  
( ) Either

**e. Goose**

( ) Geeses  
( ) Geese  
( ) Gooses

**f. Aircraft**

( ) Aircraft  
( ) Aircrafts  
( ) Aircrafties

**g. Church**

( ) Churchs  
( ) Church  
( ) Churches

**h. Woman**

( ) Women  
( ) Womans  
( ) Womens

**i. Fly**

( ) Flyies  
( ) Flys  
( ) Flies

**j. Sheep**

( ) Sheep  
( ) Sheep's  
( ) Sheeps

**k. Foot**

( ) Foot  
( ) Foots  
( ) Feet

**l. Ox**

( ) Ox  
( ) Oxes  
( ) Oxen