

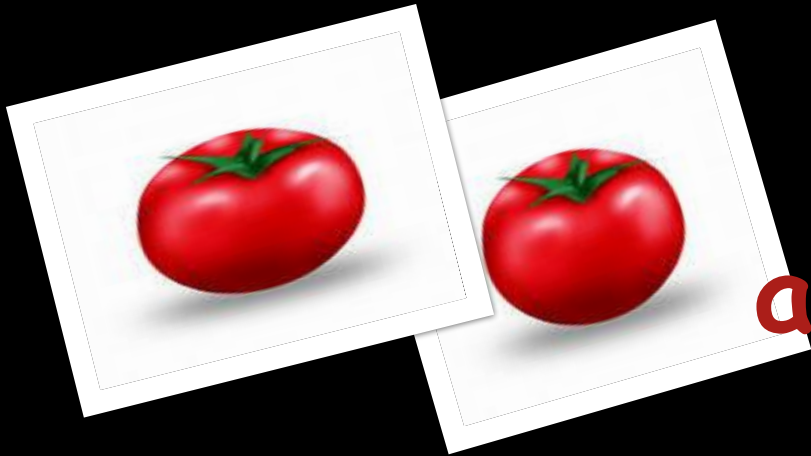


PLURALS



an
apple-apples
es

+ES (IF NOUNS
ENDING IN -S, -SS,
-CH, -X, -O)



a tomato-tomatoes

BUT:

radio-radios

piano-pianos

photo-photos

rhino-rhinos

hippo-hippos

video-videos

IN THE PLURAL

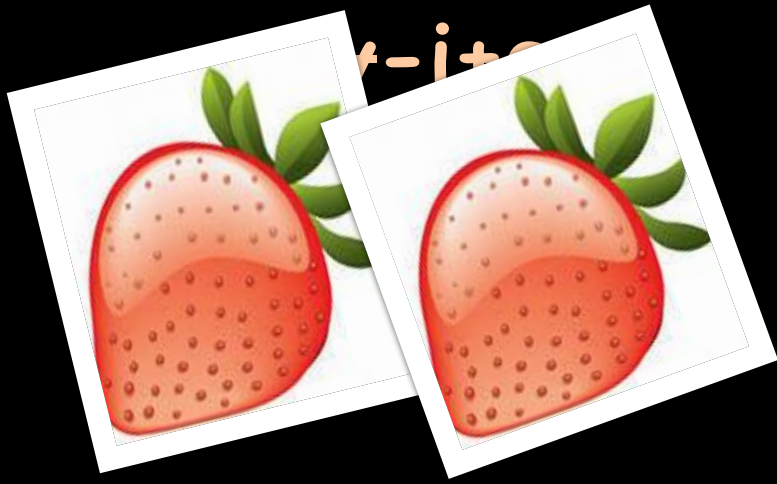
NOUNS ENDING IN A
VOWEL+Y TAKE -S

a toy-toys



NOUNS ENDING IN
CONSONANT+Y, DROP
THE -Y AND TAKE -IES
IN THE PLURAL

a
strawberry-strawb
erries





a leaf-leaves
~~f~~/~~fe~~-v+es

BUT:

chiefs

roofs

safes

cliffs

beliefs

scarf(ves)

wharfs(ves)

dwarfs(ves)

hoofs(ves)

IRREGULAR PLURALS:

a man-men

a woman-women

a child-children

a foot-feet

a tooth-teeth

a goose-geese

a mouse-mice

a louse-lice

an ox-oxen

SOME NOUNS HAVE THE SAME SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORMS:

a fish-fish

a deer-deer

a sheep-sheep

a trout-trout

a swine-swine

an aircraft-aircraft

a means-means

SOME WORDS WHICH COME FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES HAVE SPECIAL PLURALS:

- Analysis-analyses
- Appendix-appendices/appendixes
 - Bacterium-bacteria
 - Basis-bases
 - Cactus-cacti/cactuses
 - Crisis-crises
 - Criterion-criteria
 - Diagnosis-diagnoses
- Formula-formulae/formulas
 - Fungus-fungi/funguses
 - Hypothesis-hypotheses
 - Medium-media/mediums
 - Phenomenon-phenomena

NOUN+PREPOSITION+NOUN, WE
ADD -S TO THE FIRST NOUN

• a mother-in-law- motherss-in-law

IF THE FIRST WORD IS MAN OR WOMAN

- a woman-doctor- women-doctors

NOUN+ADVERB, WE ADD -S
TO THE FIRST WORD

• passer-by-passers-by

IF THERE IS NO NOUN-STEM IN THE
COMPOUND -S IS ADDED TO THE LAST
ELEMENT

• Forget-me-not-forget-me-notss

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS(ARE USED IN SINGULAR):

Mass nouns:	Beer, blood, bread, butter, air, oxygen, corn, flour
Subjects:	History, mathematics, physics
Languages:	Spanish, French, Japanese, Italian
Games:	Baseball, billiards, football, golf, darts, cricket, rugby
Diseases:	Flu, pneumonia, measles, mumps, tuberculosis
Natural phenomena:	Darkness, fog, gravity, snow
Collective nouns:	Baggage, crockery, cutlery, furniture, jewellery, luggage, machinery, money, rubbish.
Others:	Advice, anger, applause, assistance, behavior, business, chaos, countryside, courage, education, evidence, homework, information, knowledge, luck, music, news, peace, progress, seaside, traffic, trouble, truth, wealth, work, summons, crossroads, rubbish.

ALWAYS PLURAL:

people

cattle

trousers

jeans

shorts

shoes

gloves

pajamas

tights

earrings

scissors

pliers

arms

ashes

barracks

clothes

congratulations

outskirts

police

riches

stairs

surroundings

wages

goods

A GROUP OF ENGLISH NOUNS THAT CAN BE USED AS COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE WITH A DIFFERENCE IN MEANING:

Glass(стекло)	a glass(стакан)
Hair(волосы)	a hair(волос)
Iron(железо)	an iron(утюг)
Experience(опыт)	an experience(событие)
Work(работа)	a work(произведение)
Paper(бумага)	a paper(газета)

COLLECTIVE NOUNS THAT CAN BE BOTH SINGULAR AND PLURAL:

- Army
- Audience
- Class
- Committee
- Company
- Crew
- Crowd
- Government
- Group
- Faculty
- Family

TEAM

- Is singular when it is regarded as one unit:
Our team is winning.

- Is plural when we mean each member of this unit individually:
The team are going back to their homes.

RUSSIAN NOUNS THAT ARE ALWAYS PLURAL IN RUSSIAN BUT ARE SINGULAR AND PLURAL IN ENGLISH.

ворота	a gate-gates
сани	a sledge-sledges
каникулы	a vacation-vacations
часы	a watch/clock-watches es/clocks