

NOUNS

(SINGULAR AND PLURAL)

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Adding - s

[z] – after voiced consonants and vowels:

Room – rooms

Pencil – pencils

Shoe – shoes

Chair - chairs

[s] – after voiceless consonants:

Book – books

Map – maps

[ɪz] – after -se, ce, ze, ge:

Horse – horses

Place - places

Prize - prizes

Judge - judges

Adding – es:

[iz] – after ss, x, sh, ch:

Class – classes

Box – boxes

Brush - brushes

Church- churches

Y → I+ES

Before “Y” there is a consonant:

City-cities

Army- armies

Factory- factories

BUT:

Toy – toys

Boy - boys

O - + ES

Potato - potatoes

Tomato - tomatoes

Hero - heroes

BUT:

video - videos

radio- radios

piano- pianos

photo-photos

Solo - solos

Soprano-sopranos

Zoo-zoos

Avocado - avocados

Commando-commandos

Concerto-concertos

Euro-euros

Kilo-kilos

Logo-logos

BOTH - ES AND -S:

Buffalo - buffalo(e)s

Cargo - cargo(e)s

Mosquito - mosquito(e)s

Motto - motto(e)s

Tornado - tornado(e)s

Volcano-volcano(e)s

F  V + ES

- Wolf- wolves
- Leaf- leaves

FE  V + ES

Knife- knives
Life - lives

BUT:

Roof- roofs
Chief- chiefs
Handkerchief- handkerchiefs
Safe- safes
Belief- beliefs

Wharf- wharfs\wharves

IRREGULAR NOUNS

- Man – men
- Woman – women
- Foot – feet
- Tooth – teeth
- Goose- geese
- Mouse – mice
- Louse- lice
- Ox - oxen
- Child- children
- Penny – pence

Latin and Greek Nouns

- UM → A

Datum – data

Memorandum – memoranda

Erratum – errata

Addendum – addenda

- ON → A

Phenomenon – phenomena

Criterion – criteria

- IS → ES

Crisis – crises

Basis – bases

Thesis – theses

Diagnosis – diagnoses

Oasis – oases

A → AE

Formula – formulae

Antenna – antennae

Vertebra – vertebrae

US → I

Fungus – fungi

Cactus – cacti

Stimulus – stimuli

Radius – radii

Nucleus – nuclei

Octopus – octopi \

octopuses

NOTE:

Data and Media are now used as singular nouns.

Nouns that have one form for singular and plural

Barracks – barracks

Crossroads – crossroads

Headquarters – headquarters

Means – means

Series – series

Species – species

Swiss – Swiss

Works (factory) – works

Fish – fish

Deer – deer but reindeer – reindeer(s)

Swine – swine

Sheep - sheep

Fruit – fruit

Craft – craft

Aircraft – aircraft

Hovercraft – hovercraft

Spacecraft –spacecraft

Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese

Die\dice – dice

NOTE:

Fruits – various types of fruit

Fishes – various types of fishes

Nouns that have no plural

- Money
- News
- Billiards
- Draughts
- Measles
- Mumps
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Athletics
- Knowledge
- Information
- Progress
- Advice
- Sugar
- Iron
- Love
- Vacation

Nouns that have no singular

- Cattle
- Police
- Clothes
- Staff
- Trousers, jeans, pants, pyjamas, tights, shorts
- Scales, scissors, glasses, spectacles, goggles, binoculars, pliers, tongs
- Arms (guns), congratulations, contents, customs (at a frontier), earnings, funds, goods, groceries, leftovers, lodgings, manners (social behaviour), the Middle Ages, oats, odds, odds-and-ends, outskirts, premises, proceeds, refreshments, regards, remains, savings, supplies, surroundings, riches, rags, thanks, troops, valuables, wages.

Nouns that change their meaning when used in plural

- Statistics is – a science
- Statistics are – data
- Politics is – a science
- Politics are – views

Measures have plurals without –s:

- Dozen
- Hundred
- Thousand
- Million
- Billion
- Stone (14 pounds)
- Foot (12 inches)

The End