

Plurals

* Most nouns form their plural by adding **-s**.



car

cars

* Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o** take **-es** in the plural.



tomato

tomatoes

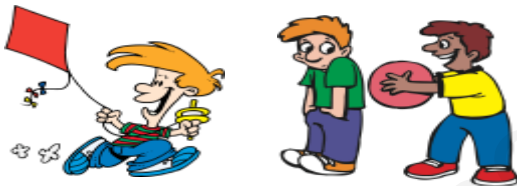
* But some nouns ending in **-o** take only **-s**.
radio-radios; photo-photos; rhino-rhinos



piano

pianos

* Nouns ending in a **vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural



boy

boys

* Nouns ending in a **consonant + y**, drop the **y** and take **-ies** in the plural.



strawberry

strawberries

* Nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe**, drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** in the plural



leaf

leaves

wolf

wolves

* Some nouns are **Irregular**. For example:



mouse



mice



deer



deer



child



children



man



men



woman



women



goose



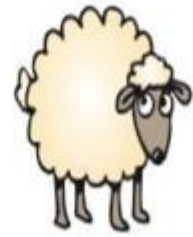
geese



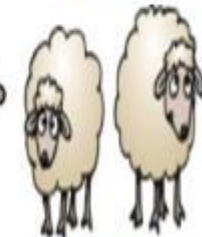
tooth



teeth



sheep



sheep



ox



oxen



foot



feet

* Remember:

Adjectives do not take **-s** in the plural.



a happy girl



a two happy girls

a) Complete the plural of the following nouns

SINGULAR	PLURAL
* Father	* _____
* Friend	* _____
* Picnic	* _____
* Table	* _____
* Toy	* _____
* Van	* _____
* Week	* _____
* Bench	* _____
* Box	* _____
* Bus	* _____
* Church	* _____
* Dish	* _____
* Glass	* _____
* Potato	* _____
* Country	* _____
* Family	* _____
* Fly	* _____
* Lady	* _____
* Party	* _____
* policeman	* _____
* radio	* _____
* woman	* _____
* toy	* _____
* child	* _____

b) Match the singular noun with the plural form.

- * box
- * ball
- * brush
- * lion
- * egg
- * tomato
- * address
- * party
- * way
- * beach
- * leaf

- * leaves
- * eggs
- * addresses
- * parties
- * boxes
- * ways
- * lions
- * beaches
- * balls
- * tomatoes
- * brushes

c) Write these sentences in the singular.

✱ Housekeepers usually have difficult lives.

✱ _____

✱ Milkmen deliver milk.

✱ _____

✱ Businesswomen earn lots of money.

✱ _____

✱ There are ants in the kitchen.

✱ _____

d) Write these sentences in the plural

✱ There is a very small house.

✱ _____

✱ Mark has got a brown dog.

✱ _____

✱ Lucas has got a fast motorbike.

✱ _____

✱ My sister is tall and thin.

✱ _____

✱ She didn't have a big lunch at school.

✱ _____

✱ Her father drives fast in the motorway.

✱ _____

✱ A red rose means love.

✱ _____

✱ The duck is in the lake.

✱ _____

✱ There is a mouse in the kitchen.

✱ _____

✱ Lucy has got a lovely cat.

✱ _____

✱ Mary has got a lovely child.

✱ _____