

Lesson  
2**Singular and Plural Nouns****Teaching**

A **singular noun** names one person, place, thing, or idea. A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

One author wrote a great book. (singular nouns)

Some authors write a number of books. (plural nouns)

This chart shows the usual ways to form the plurals of nouns.

Singular	Rule	Sample Plural
shirt, hat	Add <b>-s</b> to most nouns.	shirts, hats
bush, mix	Add <b>-es</b> to nouns ending in <i>s, sh, ch, x, or z</i> .	bushes, mixes
radio echo, hero	Add <b>-s</b> to most nouns that end in <i>o</i> . Add <b>-es</b> to a few nouns that end in <i>o</i> .	radios echoes, heroes
pony, fly monkey, day	Change the <i>y</i> to an <i>i</i> and add <b>-es</b> to most nouns ending in <i>y</i> . If a vowel comes before the <i>y</i> , add <b>-s</b> .	ponies, flies monkeys, days
shelf, knife roof, cuff	Change the <i>f</i> to a <i>v</i> and add <b>-es</b> to most nouns that end in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> . Add <b>-s</b> to a few nouns that end in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> .	shelves, knives roofs, cuffs
sheep, tuna	Some nouns keep the same spelling.	sheep, tuna
woman, foot	The plural forms of some nouns are irregular.	women, feet

**A. Identifying Plural Forms of Nouns**

In each sentence, underline only the plural nouns.

1. Cows take good care of their newborn calves.
2. The ponies ran freely in the fields.
3. Cowboys work hard at their daily chores.
4. The noises made by geese woke me up.
5. Some parties include hayrides.

**B. Correcting Errors in Plural Nouns**

In each sentence, one plural noun is boldfaced. If it has been formed incorrectly, write the correct form on the line. If it is correct, write **Correct** on the line.

1. What are your favorite **activitys** on the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pony rides are fun for the **childs**. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mom enjoys growing **tomatos** in her garden. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Dad caught several **fish** for supper. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Some farmers worry that **foxs** will harm the chickens. \_\_\_\_\_



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In each sentence, underline only the plural nouns.

1. Our families will spend seven days on a farm.
2. The children will help tend pigs and sheep.
3. I like to hear the echoes of their happy cries.
4. Farmers are always busy with their crops and animals.
5. My sisters pack tomatoes into boxes to be shipped to markets.
6. Most nights on the farm are spent telling stories by the fireplace.

**B. Correcting Errors in Plural Nouns**

In each sentence, underline the plural noun that has been formed incorrectly. Write the correctly spelled plural on the line.

1. Some people have interesting hobbies. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Many woman enjoy making patchwork quilts. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Grandma has boxs filled with cotton squares. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Her fabrics are stored on special shelves. \_\_\_\_\_
5. She makes quilts for all the new babys. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Every family sends her photoes of the newborns. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Both of my uncleses are excellent woodworkers. \_\_\_\_\_
8. They use carving knives of various sizes. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Uncle Sam paints his carved objectes. \_\_\_\_\_
10. He has many paintbrushs for his work. \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Using Plural Nouns**

Form the plural of the given nouns. Then use all three plurals in a single sentence.

1. wife \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ photo \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. boy \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich \_\_\_\_\_ loaf \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. goose \_\_\_\_\_ field \_\_\_\_\_ grass \_\_\_\_\_  
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