




# Plural Rules Part One

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# Plural Rule 1

- Most words add 's' to make the plural.
- one apple  two apples  
- desk → desks month → months
- book → books train → trains
- pen → pens name → names
- shop → shops friend → friends
- chair → chairs teacher → teachers

# Try these...

- pencil →
- road →
- flower →
- girl →
- plant →
- window →
- door →
- cake →
- banana →
- shoe →

# Plural Rule 2


- Add 'es' to words ending in 'ch', 'sh', 's', 'ss', 'x' or 'z' to make the plural.
- one box  many boxes 
- wish → wishes      beach → beaches
- cross → crosses      waltz → waltzes
- bus → buses      church → churches
- dish → dishes      loss → losses
- fox → foxes      bunch → bunches

# Try these...

- watch →
- pitch →
- wax →
- class →
- gas →
- glass →
- dress →
- bush →
- hutch →
- quiz → quizz**es**

# Plural Rule 3

- When the letter **before** a 'y' is a consonant, change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding an 'es'.

● one baby 

two babies 

● city → cities

berry → berries

● pony → ponies

family → families

● reply → replies

lady → ladies

# Try these...

● daisy →

● ferry →

● army →

● party →

● fly →

● diary →

● cherry →

● belly →

● jelly →

● filly →

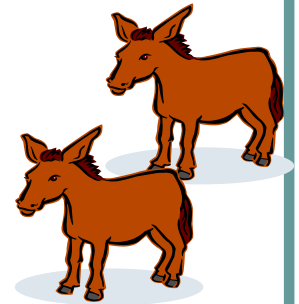
# Plural Rule 4

- When words end in 'ay', 'ey', 'iy', 'oy', and 'uy' add an 's' to make the plural.

● one donkey



two donkeys



● day → days

boy → boys

● key → keys

delay → delays

● play → plays

guy → guys



# Try these

- quay →
- valley →
- tray →
- pulley →
- toy →
- monkey →
- trolley →
- buoy →
- relay →
- holiday →

# Plural Rules 7

- Sometimes a word may completely change its form when a plural is made.

● one child



two **children**



● person → people

goose → geese

● man → men

woman → women

● cactus → cacti

fungus → fungi

# Try these

- tooth →

- dice →

- foot →

- mouse →

- nucleus →

- criterion →

# Plural Rule 8

- Sometimes a word may stay the same in both its singular and plural form.

● one fish



many fish



● tuna → tuna

trout → trout

● deer → deer

sheep → sheep

● moose moose

series → series

# Try these

- aircraft →
- species →
- offspring →
- salmon →
- bream →
- perch →

# Recap and Consolidation

- The easiest way to learn how to spell a word is to practise! Practise! Practise!
- Spelling rules are helpful but practice makes perfect.
- Once you learn how to spell a word you will not forget how to spell it as long as you practise! Practise! Practice!