

SPELLING OF  
PLURAL NOUNS

Type of Noun	Plural Rule	Singular Noun	Plural Noun
most nouns	add s	cat student	cats students

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noun ending in vowel + o	add s	video radio	videos radios

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noun ending in consonant + o	add es	potato echo	potatoes echoes

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noun ending in vowel + <u>y</u>	add <i>s</i>	toy day	toys days

Type of Noun	Plural Rule	Singular Noun	Plural Noun
noun ending in consonant + <u>y</u>	drop <u>y</u> and add <u>ies</u>	baby army	babies armies

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noun ending in ch, sh, s, x, z	add es	church bench brush dish class kiss fox topaz buzz	churches benches brushes dishes classes kisses foxes topazes buzzes

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noun ending in <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i>	change <i>f</i> or <i>fe</i> to <i>ves</i>	thief life	thieves lives



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irregular nouns that change	varies	man woman child mouse foot tooth	men women children mice feet teeth

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irregular nouns that stay the same	no change	deer sheep fish	deer sheep fish

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compound nouns	add <i>s</i> to the main noun	brother-in-law secretary of state	brothers-in-law secretaries of state

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noun ending in <i>is</i> (usually from Greek)	change <i>is</i> to <i>es</i>	analysis crisis thesis paralysis basis	analyses crises theses paralyses bases

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noun ending in <i>us</i> (usually from Latin)	change <i>us</i> to <i>i</i>	cactus syllabus fungus stimulus	cacti syllabi fungi stimuli

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noun ending in <i>um</i>	change <i>um</i> to <i>a</i>	bacterium medium	bacteria media

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plural noun having no singular forms	no change	news scissors pajamas pants eyeglasses	news scissors pajamas pants eyeglasses

