

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

JSS 2

WEEK 2

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GRAMMAR: Plural Formation

1. A noun is any word that refers to a person, place, thing, or an animal. If a noun refers to just one person, animal, place, or thing, it is singular. However, if it refers to two or more persons, animals, places, or things, it is plural. Plural nouns are words used to indicate that there is more than one person, animal, place, thing, or idea.
2. Plural nouns are formed in the following ways:
 - A. By adding -s at the end of regular nouns. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cat | Cats |
| Book | Books |
| Market | Markets |
| Teacher | Teachers |
| Chief | Chiefs |
| Event | Events |
| Bridge | Bridges etc. |

- B. By adding -es at the end of words ending in ch, sh, x, s, o. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Grass | Grasses |
| Bench | Benches |
| Fox | Foxes |
| Dish | Dishes |
| Hero | Heroes |
| Gas | Gases |
| Address | Addresses etc. |

- C. By adding -s to some words ending in o. Examples:

| SINGULAR | PLURAL |
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| Bamboo | Bamboos |
| Kilo | Kilos |
| Logo | Logos |
| Piano | Pianos |
| Photo | Photos |
| Radio | Radios |
| Portfolio | Portfolios etc. |

D. By adding –s to words ending in y. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Boy | Boys |
| Kidney | Kidneys |
| Valley | Valleys |
| Holiday | Holidays |
| Chimney | Chimneys |
| Key | Keys |
| Donkey | Donkeys etc. |

E. By changing –y to ies. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Activity | Activities |
| Apology | Apologies |
| Army | Armies |
| Baby | Babies |
| Canopy | Canopies |
| Celebrity | Celebrities |
| Memory | Memories etc. |

F. By adding –s to some words ending in f. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Belief | Beliefs |
| Roof | Roofs |
| Proof | Proofs |
| Tariff | Tariffs |
| Cliff | Cliffs |

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| Chief | Chiefs etc. |
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G. By changing f or fe to ves. Examples.

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| Calf | Calves |
| Knife | Knives |
| Leaf | Leaves |
| Thief | Thieves |
| Life | Lives |
| Wife | Wives |
| Self | Selves |
| Half | Halves etc. |

H. By changing some vowels. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Goose | Geese |
| Diagnosis | Diagnoses |
| Louse | Lice |
| Woman | Women |
| Ox | Oxen |
| Mouse | Mice |
| Thesis | Theses etc. |

I. Some nouns with two plurals. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Dwarf | Dwarfs or dwarves |
| memorandum | Memorandums or memoranda |
| Aquarium | Aquariums or aquaria |
| Formula | Formulas or formulae |
| Fungus | Fungi or funguses |
| stadium | Stadiums or stadia |
| syllabus | Syllabuses or syllabi etc. |

J. Some nouns remain the same. Examples:

| SINGULAR NOUNS | PLURAL NOUNS |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Swine | Swine |
| salmon | Salmon |
| Police | Police |

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| Deer | Deer |
| Spices | Spices |
| Barracks | Barracks |
| Aircraft | Aircraft etc. |

HOME WORK

Write out the plural forms of the given words below.

SINGULAR NOUNS

PLURAL NOUNS

1. Chair
2. Cheque
3. Bus
4. Patch
5. Micro
6. Cargo
7. Puppy
8. Oasis
9. Wolf
10. Public