

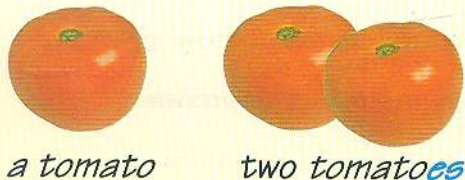
Plural Number

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



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

bus - buses, dress - dresses, brush - brushes, torch - torches, box - boxes, etc.



But some nouns ending in **-o** take only **-s**.

radio - radios, piano - pianos, photo - photos, rhino - rhinos, hippo - hippos, video - videos, etc.

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



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



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



But some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** take only **-s**.

roof - roofs, giraffe - giraffes, cliff-cliffs, etc.

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

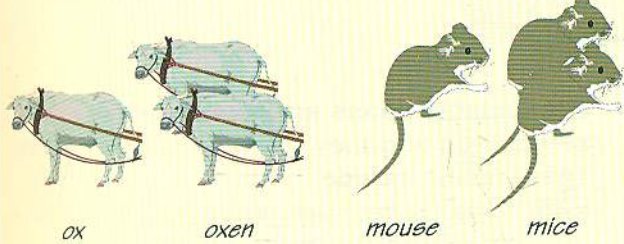
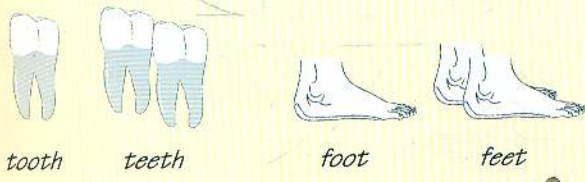
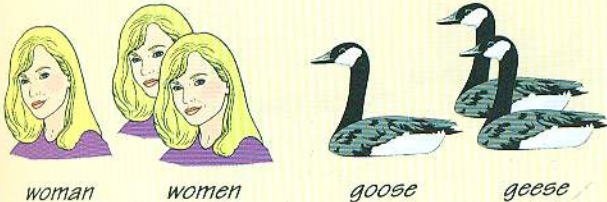
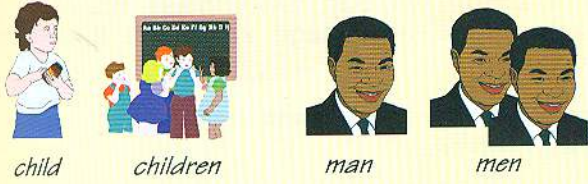


1 Write the plural.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 lemon ... <i>lemons</i> ... | 7 glass |
| 2 bus | 8 key |
| 3 peach | 9 piano |
| 4 cherry | 10 potato |
| 5 roof | 11 ball |
| 6 fox | 12 book |

Irregular Plurals

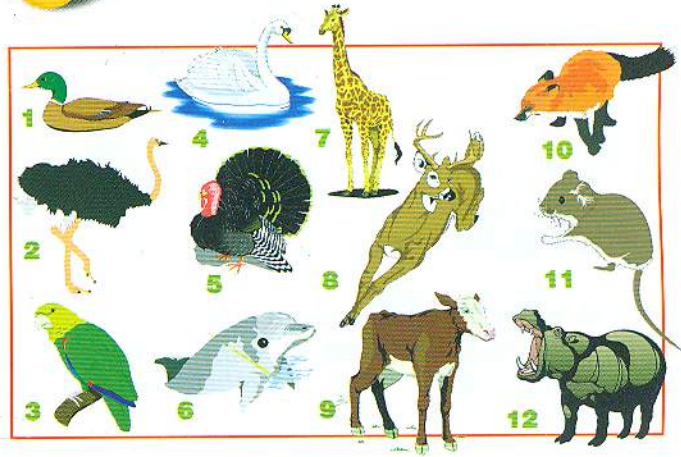
Some nouns are irregular. For example:



2 Write the plural.

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 sheep ... <i>sheep</i> ... | 11 policeman |
| 2 baby | 12 raspberry |
| 3 child | 13 sandwich |
| 4 green leaf | 14 mouse |
| 5 old lady | 15 photo |
| 6 radio | 16 cliff |
| 7 ox | 17 pen |
| 8 tall woman | 18 watch |
| 9 knife | 19 big foot |
| 10 toy | 20 nice book |

3 Write the plural.



- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 duck ... <i>ducks</i> ... | 7 giraffe |
| 2 ostrich | 8 deer |
| 3 parrot | 9 calf |
| 4 swan | 10 fox |
| 5 turkey | 11 mouse |
| 6 dolphin | 12 hippo |

4 Write the words in plural in the correct box.

bicycle, bus, cherry, knife, man, glass, child, house, apple, box, baby, ball, tomato, ferry, leaf, tooth, goose, radio, cliff, dress, torch, city, wife, ox, deer, calf, fox, giraffe, watch, parrot, lady, wolf, dish, boy, woman, melon, sheep, armchair

-s	<i>bicycles,</i>
-es	<i>buses,</i>
-ies	<i>cherries,</i>
-ves	<i>knives,</i>
irregular	<i>men,</i>



Plurals/Countable Nouns-Uncountable Nouns

Pronunciation

The suffix of the plural form is pronounced:


- ◆ **/s/** when the noun ends in a(n) /f/, /k/, /p/, /t/ or /θ/ sound.
cliffs, books, shops, cats, myths, etc.
- ◆ **/ɪz/** when the noun ends in a(n) /s/, /ks/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /dʒ/, /z/ or /ʒ/ sound.
buses, foxes, brushes, torches, bridges, roses, mirrors, etc.
- ◆ **/z/** when the noun ends in any other sound.
rooms, boys, pears, leaves, lemons, pianos, etc.

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First say the words in the plural, then write them in the correct box.

desk, church, apple, dolphin, chair, hat, baby, dress, bird, ball, cliff, box, radio, shirt, rose, dish, roof, song, skirt, cherry, fox, bag, clock, glass, piano, onion, basket, bush, ferry, cage, key, myth, bus, flower, door, orange

/s/	desks,
/ɪz/	churches,
/z/	apples,



Countable-Uncountable Nouns

◆ **Countable nouns** are nouns which can be counted (e.g. *one apple, two apples, etc.*) and can be in the singular or the plural. We put **a** before the noun in the singular when it begins with a consonant sound (b, d, p, etc.) and **an** when it begins with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u).



a flower



three flowers



an apple



two apples

◆ **Uncountable nouns** are nouns which cannot be counted and they usually have no plural. These nouns include:

food: cheese, butter, meat, salt, pepper, bacon, bread, chocolate, honey, jam, etc.

liquids: coffee, milk, water, tea, wine, lemonade, petrol, oil, etc.

materials: gold, iron, silver, wood, paper, etc.

abstract nouns: beauty, love, happiness, etc.

others: hair, money, news, snow, furniture, weather, advice, etc.

◆ We use **some** with uncountable nouns and not **a/an**.

We also use **some** with countable nouns but only in the plural.



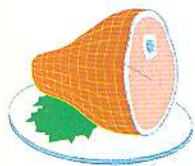
some cheese
not: ~~a cheese~~



some bananas

Plurals/Countable Nouns - Uncountable Nouns

6 Write a, an or some.



1 *some* meat



2 orange



3 ... chocolate



4 jam



5 butter



6 leaves



7 soup



8 egg



9 coffee



10 .. elephant



11 milk



12 cups



13 lemons



14 bread



15 doll

7 Write a, an or some. Which nouns are countable/uncountable?

- | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1 ..a.. biscuit | 7 armchair | 13 money |
| 2 tea | 8 plate | 14 watches |
| 3 carrot | 9 chair | 15 salt |
| 4 ring | 10 pepper | 16 honey |
| 5 bread | 11 cat | 17 water |
| 6 boxes | 12 dress | 18 advice |

We can use countable and uncountable nouns after phrases of quantity such as: a jar/bottle/piece/loaf/cup/bar/glass/kilo/carton/bowl/can/jug/slice/tin/packet + of, etc.



a jar of marmalade



a bottle of beer



a piece of pie



a loaf of bread



a cup of coffee



a bar of chocolate



a glass of milk



a kilo of meat



a carton of milk



a bowl of soup



a can of fruit juice



a jug of orange juice



a slice of bread



a tin of fish



a packet of spaghetti

8 Match the words as in the example:

a glass of

a slice of

a bar of

a tin of

a carton of

a piece of

a bottle of

a cup of

chocolate

Coke

bread

lemonade

beans

tea

orange juice

cake

coffee

wine

soap