

# Nouns and Pronouns

**A NOUN is the name of a person, place, thing, quality, or idea.**

▪ appetite	▪ gasoline	▪ knowledge	▪ river
▪ audience	▪ ghost	▪ Linda	▪ signature
▪ cat	▪ hat	▪ literature	▪ train
▪ car	▪ heart	▪ macaroni	▪ Utah
▪ Congress	▪ idea	▪ ocean	▪ vitamin
▪ dog	▪ illness	▪ organization	▪ waist
▪ example	▪ jacket	▪ photograph	▪ yogurt
▪ florist	▪ journalism	▪ pleasure	▪ zephyr

**A PRONOUN is a word used in place of a noun. A pronoun may stand for the name of a person, place, thing, quality, or idea.**

▪ all	▪ hers	▪ neither	▪ their
▪ any	▪ him	▪ nobody	▪ theirs
▪ anybody	▪ his	▪ no one	▪ them
▪ anyone	▪ I	▪ one	▪ themselves
▪ both	▪ it	▪ our	▪ they
▪ each	▪ itself	▪ ours	▪ us
▪ either	▪ many	▪ ourselves	▪ we
▪ everybody	▪ me	▪ she	▪ you
▪ few	▪ mine	▪ some	▪ your
▪ he	▪ my	▪ somebody	▪ yours
▪ her	▪ myself	▪ someone	▪ yourself

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# Noun Plurals 1

A **NOUN** is the name of a person, place, thing, quality, or idea. A noun that is “singular” names only one of these things; a noun that is “plural” means “more than one”.

Plurals of many singular nouns are formed simply by adding the letter “s” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ book	▪ books	▪ dog	▪ dogs
▪ boy	▪ boys	▪ girl	▪ girls
▪ car	▪ cars	▪ hat	▪ hats

The plurals of most nouns ending in the letters “ch”, “s”, “sh”, “x”, and “z” are formed by adding the letters “es” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ ax	▪ axes	▪ fox	▪ foxes
▪ box	▪ boxes	▪ guess	▪ guesses
▪ bush	▪ bushes	▪ match	▪ matches
▪ church	▪ churches	▪ wish	▪ wishes

The plurals of nouns ending in the letter “y” that is preceded by a “vowel” (a,e,i,o,u) are formed by adding the letter “s” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ boy	▪ boys	▪ monkey	▪ monkeys
▪ journey	▪ journeys	▪ tray	▪ trays
▪ key	▪ keys	▪ turkey	▪ turkeys

The plurals of nouns ending in the letter “y” that is preceded by a “consonant” (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r, s,t,v,w,x) are formed by changing the letter “y” to “i” and adding the letter “s” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ berry	▪ berries	▪ penny	▪ pennies
▪ body	▪ bodies	▪ sky	▪ skies
▪ city	▪ cities	▪ story	▪ stories

Plurals of nouns ending in the letter “f” that is preceded by a vowel (a,e,i,o,u) are formed simply by adding the letter “s” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ belief	▪ beliefs	▪ reef	▪ reefs
▪ chef	▪ chefs	▪ roof	▪ roofs

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# Noun Plurals 2

The plurals of many nouns ending in the letter “f” that is preceded by a “consonant” (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x) are formed by changing the letter “f” to “v” and adding the letters “es” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ calf	▪ calves	▪ shelf	▪ shelves
▪ elf	▪ elves	▪ wharf	▪ wharves
▪ half	▪ halves	▪ wolf	▪ wolves
▪ self	▪ selves		

The plurals of nouns ending in the letter “o” that is preceded by a “vowel” (a,e,i,o,u) are formed by adding the letter “s” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ folio	▪ folios	▪ rodeo	▪ rodeos
▪ radio	▪ radios	▪ studio	▪ studios

The plurals of some nouns ending in the letter “o” that is preceded by a “consonant” (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l, m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x) are formed by adding the letters “es” to the end of the noun.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ cargo	▪ cargoes	▪ potato	▪ potatoes
▪ echo	▪ echoes	▪ tomato	▪ tomatoes
▪ hero	▪ heroes	▪ veto	▪ vetoes

Some nouns ending in the letter “o” that is preceded by a “consonant” (b,c,d,f,g,h,j,k,l,m,n,p,q,r,s,t,v,w,x) are an exception. The plurals are formed simply by adding the letter “s”.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ alto	▪ altos	▪ piano	▪ pianos
▪ Eskimo	▪ Eskimos	▪ soprano	▪ sopranos

For some nouns the singular and plural forms are exactly the same.

▪ bamboo	▪ deer	▪ moose	▪ salmon
▪ corps	▪ fowl	▪ quail	▪ sheep

Some nouns are totally irregular for forming plurals and they must be memorized.

Single	Plural	Single	Plural
▪ child	▪ children	▪ ox	▪ oxen
▪ goose	▪ geese	▪ foot	▪ feet
▪ man	▪ men	▪ woman	▪ women
▪ mouse	▪ mice		

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