



## PLURAL NOUNS

In English in most cases it is very simple to form the plural form of a noun by adding “s” at the end of the noun.

*Examples:*

car → cars  
table → tables  
cup → cups

With nouns that end in *s, ss, ch, sh, zz, o or x*, “es” must be added at the end of the noun with some exceptions.

*Examples:*

bus → buses  
church → churches *Exceptions:* stomach → monarch  
dish → dishes  
potato → potatoes *Exceptions:* radio, piano, zoo  
box → boxes  
fox → foxes  
buzz → buzzes

But with singular nouns that end in “fe” or “f”, the plural ending changes into “ves” with some exceptions.

*Examples:*

Wife → wives                      Wolf → wolves  
Leaf → leaves                      Thief → thieves                      *Exceptions:* roof

For singular nouns that end in “y” preceded by a consonant, the final “y” changes into “ies” in the plural form.

*Examples:*

city → cities  
country → countries  
dictionary → dictionaries  
secretary → secretaries

But when the final “y” is preceded by a vowel, only “s” is added to make the noun plural.

*Examples:*

boy → boys                      toy → toys  
city → cities                      secretary → secretaries



Some nouns exist only in the singular or plural form.

*Examples:*

people **are**  
news **is**

police **are**  
family **is**

bread **is**

The following is a list of nouns that change in the plural form.

Man → men

person → people

woman → women

tooth → teeth

goose → geese

mouse → mice

ox → oxen

foot → feet

Here are some examples of nouns that have the same singular and plural form.

*Examples:*

Fish → fish

(one fish is) (some fish are)

trout → trout

deer → deer

means → means

species → species



## Get Smart!

## Quiz A



Fill in the blanks with the correct plural form of the noun.

car \_\_\_\_\_ submarine \_\_\_\_\_ sailor \_\_\_\_\_

church \_\_\_\_\_ bush \_\_\_\_\_ dish \_\_\_\_\_

monarch \_\_\_\_\_ stomach \_\_\_\_\_ radio \_\_\_\_\_

zoo \_\_\_\_\_ wife \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_

toy \_\_\_\_\_ city \_\_\_\_\_ monkey \_\_\_\_\_

woman \_\_\_\_\_ person \_\_\_\_\_ mean \_\_\_\_\_

species \_\_\_\_\_ fish \_\_\_\_\_ cloud \_\_\_\_\_

house \_\_\_\_\_ apartment \_\_\_\_\_ deer \_\_\_\_\_

Trout \_\_\_\_\_ tooth \_\_\_\_\_ boot \_\_\_\_\_

bread \_\_\_\_\_ wolf \_\_\_\_\_ man \_\_\_\_\_