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
- Leaf → leaves
- Wolf → wolves
- 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
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Fill in the blanks with the correct plural form of the noun.

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