

THE PLURAL FORMS OF NOUNS

For many nouns, all you need to do is add an "s" to make them plural.

EXAMPLES:

hope	hopes
key	keys

For nouns that end with s, x, ch, or sh, form the plural by adding es to the end of the word.

EXAMPLES:

kiss	kisses
peach	peaches
box	boxes

For nouns ending in o that is preceded by a vowel, form the plural by adding s.

EXAMPLES:

radio	radios
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For nouns ending in o that is preceded by a consonant, form the plural by adding es.

EXAMPLES:

tomato	tomatoes
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**There is an exception to the rule above. For musical terms and proper nouns that end in o that is preceded by a consonant, just add s.*

EXAMPLES:

alto	altos
Eskimo	Eskimos

Nouns that end in y and have a consonant before that y, will be made plural by changing the y to i and adding es.

berry	berries
patty	patties

There are some special cases where the plural forms of the nouns do not follow any set rule or pattern.

EXAMPLES:

mouse	mice
ox	oxen
man	men
goose	geese
moose	moose
child	children
tooth	teeth

For most compound nouns, form the plural of the last word of the compound.

EXAMPLES:

bookshelf	bookshelves
chin-up	chin-ups

For compound nouns where one of the words is modified by another word(s), form the plural of the word that is being modified.

EXAMPLES:

mother-in-law	mothers-in-law
maid of honour	maids of honour



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