

Rule 6

Singular nouns name one person, place, thing, or idea.
 Plural nouns name more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

- To make the plural of most nouns, add **s**. *tables coats apples*
- If a noun ends in **s**, *sh*, *ch*, *x*, or *z*, add **es**. *foxes dishes peaches*
- If a noun ends in a consonant followed by a **y**, change **y** to **i** and add **es**. *bunnies cherries puppies*
- If a noun ends in *f* or *fe*, add **s** to some; change **f** to **v** and add **es** to others. *chiefs beliefs loaves leaves*
- Some nouns do not change when they become plural.
- Some nouns have special plural forms. We call these **irregular** plurals.

singular	plural
child	children
goose	geese
mouse	mice
tooth	teeth
ox	oxen

Singular & Plural Nouns

Name _____

Plural Nouns

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Complete these paragraphs using the plural forms of the missing words.

One hot summer morning, Ali and Giorgio met to pick _____
berry
in a nearby field. They climbed over the three _____
fence between

Ali's house and the berry field.

"How many _____
box do you think we can fill?" asked Giorgio.

"We should be able to fill seven or eight," answered Ali. The _____
boy
set to work, brushing aside the _____
bee and _____
fly
that were buzzing around their _____
head

After working hard for two _____
hour they were covered in dirt
and were purple with berry juice.

"How many _____
pie can your grandma make from the

berry we picked?" asked Giorgio.

"I don't know, but I could eat one all by myself right now!" shouted Ali
as the boys hurried home.

Irregular Plural Nouns

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A Most plural nouns end in *s*, but some nouns have irregular plural forms or do not change at all. Use the correct plural form for each singular noun in the sentences below.

1. All the _____ and _____ got into the lifeboats
(woman) (child)

before the _____.
(man)

2. I saw cats on the farm catch _____ in the barn and
(mouse)

_____ in the pond.
(fish)

3. The _____ saw flocks of _____, groups of
(person) (goose)

_____ and herds of _____ in the forest.
(moose) (deer)

4. Be sure to wash your _____ and brush your _____
(foot) (tooth)
before you go to bed.

B Write a sentence using the singular form of *farmer* and the plural form of *ox*.

Plural Rules

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Write the plural form of the words below on the lines provided. Then state the number of the rule used to find each word's plural form. The first one has been completed for you.

Rules for Creating Plurals

Rule 1: Add **s** to most nouns.

Rule 2: If a noun ends in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, *x*, or *z*, add **es**.

Rule 3: If a noun ends in a consonant followed by a *y*, change **y** to **i** and add **es**.

Rule 4: For some nouns ending in *f* or *fe*, add **s**; for others, change **f** to **v** and add **es**.

Rule 5: Some nouns form irregular plurals or stay the same.

Singular	Plural	Rule
1. cake	_____ <i>cakes</i> _____	_____ <i>1</i> _____
2. policy	_____	_____
3. dish	_____	_____
4. party	_____	_____
5. key	_____	_____
6. series	_____	_____
7. calf	_____	_____
8. belief	_____	_____
9. wish	_____	_____
10. patch	_____	_____
11. apple	_____	_____
12. child	_____	_____