

REVIEW

Singular nouns show that there is **only one** person or thing.

Plural nouns show that there are **two or more** people or things.

Review these.

There are different ways to write the plural forms of countable nouns.

- By adding 's':

Singular*one...*

girl
book
boy
cat
chair
dog
farm
finger
house
kitten
orange
ruler
shirt
sock
student
toy

Plural*many...*

girls
books
boys
cats
chairs
dogs
farms
fingers
houses
kittens
oranges
rulers
shirts
socks
students
toys

- By adding 'es' at the end of some nouns ending in 'o', 's', 'ss', 'ch', 'sh', 'x':

Singular

one...

box
branch
brush
bus
class
dress
glass
potato

Plural

many...

boxes
branches
brushes
buses
classes
dresses
glasses
potatoes

- By adding 's' at the end of some nouns ending in 'y':

Singular

one...

day
key
monkey
toy
tray

Plural

many...

days
keys
monkeys
toys
trays

- By changing 'y' to 'ies' for some nouns ending in 'y':

Singular

one...

baby
bully
butterfly
party
puppy
story

Plural

many...

babies
bullies
butterflies
parties
puppies
stories

- By changing 'f' or 'fe' to 'ves' for some nouns ending in 'f' or 'fe':

Singular

one...

knife

leaf

life

shelf

thief

wife

wolf

Plural

many...

knives

leaves

lives

shelves

thieves

wives

wolves

- By adding 's' at the end of some nouns ending in 'f' too:

Singular

one...

scarf

hoof

Plural

many...

scarfs / scarves (also acceptable)

hoofs / hooves (also acceptable)

- By changing the spelling for some nouns:

Singular

one...

child

foot

goose

man

mouse

ox

tooth

woman

Plural

many...

children

feet

geese

men

mice

oxen

teeth

women

- Some nouns do not change their spelling:

Singular

one...

deer

moose

sheep

Plural

many...

deer

moose

sheep