

## Forming Plural Nouns

Most singular nouns can be made into plural nouns using one of the following rules:

1. Add <b>-s</b> to most nouns.	bird, birds
2. If the noun ends in <b>y</b> with a consonant before the <b>y</b> , change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and add <b>-es</b> .	penny, pennies
3. If the noun ends in <b>y</b> with a vowel before the <b>y</b> , just add <b>-s</b> .	chimney, chimneys
4. If the noun ends in <b>s</b> , <b>sh</b> , <b>ch</b> , or <b>x</b> , add <b>-es</b> .	class, classes
5. For some nouns ending in <b>f</b> , add <b>-s</b> .	chief, chiefs
6. For some nouns ending in <b>f</b> or <b>fe</b> , change the <b>f</b> or <b>fe</b> to <b>v</b> and add <b>-es</b> .	wolf, wolves
7. Some nouns form an irregular plural.	man, men
8. Some nouns stay the same for both singular and plural.	deer, deer
9. For some nouns ending with a consonant and an <b>o</b> , add <b>-s</b> ; to others add <b>-es</b> .	solo, solos hero, heroes

**Directions:** Write the correct plurals for each of the following nouns. Some may already be correct.

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| 1. loaf_____        | 9. womans _____   |
| 2. deskes _____     | 10. pianoes _____ |
| 3. patchs _____     | 11. mice _____    |
| 4. echoes _____     | 12. sheeps _____  |
| 5. buildinges _____ | 13. partys _____  |
| 6. trays _____      | 14. calfs _____   |
| 7. Eskimoes _____   | 15. babies _____  |
| 8. deer _____       | 16. potatos _____ |