

How to Form Plural Nouns

Add *-s* to the end of most nouns.

Singular	Plural
book	books
table	tables
street	streets

Add *-es* to the end of nouns ending in *-ch*, *-s*, *-sh*, *-x*, *-z*

Singular	Plural
watch	watches
miss	misses
brush	brushes
box	boxes
buzz	buzzes

For nouns that end in *-y*, change the *-y* to *-ies*.

Singular	Plural
family	families
country	countries
university	universities

Do not change the *y* when the noun ends in a vowel + *y*. Add *-s* only.

Singular	Plural
day	days
key	keys
essay	essays

For nouns that end in *-f* or *-fe*, change to *-f* or *-fe* to *-ves*.

Singular	Plural
half	halves
knife	knives
scarf	scarves

Some nouns have the same form whether they are singular or plural.

Singular	Plural
sheep	sheep
deer	deer
moose	moose

Some nouns have irregular plural forms.

Singular	Plural
man	men
woman	women
person	people
child	children
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
goose	geese

Some nouns have only a plural form. Generally, these are things that are in pairs.

Plural
glasses
pants
scissors
binoculars

Directions: Complete each sentence with the plural form of the word in parentheses.

1. All the _____ in the store are on sale. (dress)
2. _____ should expect _____ because of the snowstorm (Traveler, delay)
3. We'll need five _____ of the report to take to the meeting. (copy)
4. They planted some beautiful flowering _____ in the park (bush)
5. After dancing three _____, I was very tired. (waltz)
6. I still haven't heard from Bill even though I left four _____ for him yesterday. (message)

7. We plan to visit all the major _____ of the region during our trip. (city)
8. The _____ our company sells are expensive but very popular. (toy)
9. All the _____ in the office will be cleaned over the next few _____. (carpet, day)
10. There are not enough _____ in that closet to hold all our _____. (shelf, supply)
11. We watched as several _____ ran across the field. (fox)
12. We will need to get more _____ so that everyone can sit down. (bench)
13. Most _____ visit this area during the spring and summer _____. (tourist, month)
14. Several _____ called while you were out. (person)
15. Most of our downtown _____ do very well during the tourist season. (business)

Answers:

1. dresses
2. Travelers, delays
3. copies
4. bushes
5. waltzes
6. messages
7. cities
8. toys
9. carpets, days
10. shelves, supplies
11. foxes
12. bench
13. tourists, months
14. people
15. businesses