

PLURAL OF NOUNS

Plural Regular:

- De maneira geral, faz-se o plural acrescentando-se **s** à forma do singular.

table – tables girl – girls chief – chiefs safe – safes

- Substantivos terminados em **s, sh, ch, x, z,** e **o** recebem **es**.

bus – buses brush – brushes church – churches
box – boxes buzz – buzzes tomato – tomatoes

- Substantivos terminados em **y** precedido de consoante: substitui-se o **y** por **i** e acrescenta-se **es**.

lady – ladies sky – skies century – centuries

Plural Irregular:

man – men woman – women mouse – mice
foot – feet tooth – teeth child – children
goose – geese die – dice ox – oxen

- Alguns substantivos terminados em **f** ou **fe** mudam o **f** ou **fe** para **v** e recebem **es**:

calf – calves life – lives shelf – shelves
half – halves loaf – loaves thief – thieves
knife – knives self – selves wife – wives
leaf – leaves sheaf – sheaves wolf – wolves

- Palavras estrangeiras abreviadas terminadas em **o** recebem **s**.

casino – casinos hippo – hippos
photo – photos piano – pianos

- Algumas palavras estrangeiras conservam o plural de origem.

bacterium – bacteria crisis – crises genius – genii
datum – data basis – bases nucleus – nuclei
analysis – analyses fungus – fungi virus – viruses

- Alguns substantivos têm a mesma forma tanto no singular quanto no plural:

aircraft – aircraft fish – fish
deer – deer elk – elk
species – species series – series

Exercises

01. Write the plural of the following nouns in the correct lists.

policeman	peach	chief	key	box	toy
louse	brush	berry	bus	pen	door
century	book	city	potato	window	echo
wolf	woman	child	country	watch	person

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02. Complete the sentences with the plural of the words from the box.

man	foot	potato	leaf	watch
child	country	dress	bacterium	century

- a) Look! Her _____ are wet.
- b) It happened two _____ ago.
- c) They sell _____ at that store.
- d) Some _____ are very helpful in the house.
- e) We've bought some _____ to eat.
- f) Those ladies are from different _____.
- g) The _____ are playing in front of the house now.
- h) Their _____ were old fashioned.
- i) The scientist found some new _____ last year.
- j) In autumn all the _____ fall down from the trees.

03. Put the sentences into the plural form.

- a) What is that thing on the floor?

- b) The photo on the piano is very old.

- c) The mouse is eating a lily in the garden.

- d) The box of tomato is in the refrigerator.

- e) There is a knife and a spoon on the table.

- f) The child is looking at the wolf.
