

Plural Nouns Exercises (-s, -es, -ies, Irregular)

Level: A1

Plural nouns: one book, two books

A plural noun is for two or more things. Most nouns add -s, but some nouns change in other ways.

Most nouns: + s: Add -s: book → books, car → cars, apple → apples.

-s, -x, -ch, -sh: + es: Add -es after s, x, ch and sh: bus → buses, box → boxes, watch → watches, dish → dishes.

Consonant + y: y → ies: Change y to i and add -es: baby → babies, city → cities. But vowel + y only adds -s: boy → boys, day → days.

-f / -fe: → ves: Many nouns with f or fe change to -ves: leaf → leaves, knife → knives, wife → wives.

Irregular plurals: Some nouns change in a different way: man → men, woman → women, child → children, person → people, foot → feet, tooth → teeth, mouse → mice.

Same form: Some nouns do not change: one fish → two fish, one sheep → ten sheep.

Plural + are: A plural noun takes are, not is: The boxes are big. The children are happy.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Plural

Choose the correct plural noun.

- The ___ are big.
a) boxs b) boxes c) boxies
- The ___ are at school.
a) childs b) children c) childrens
- The ___ are very small.
a) babys b) babyes c) babies
- The two ___ are friends.
a) womans b) women c) womens
- The ___ are new.
a) knives b) knives c) knivs
- The ___ are white.
a) sheep b) sheeps c) sheepes

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Write the plural of the word in brackets.

- The ___ are clean. (dish)
- Twenty ___ are at the party. (person)
- Paris and Rome are big ___. (city)

10. The ___ are in the kitchen! (mouse)

11. The ___ are doctors. (man)

12. The two ___ are brothers. (boy)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **happy / the / are / . / children**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **boxes / big / ? / are / the**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **from / women / . / Spain / the / are**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **green / not / leaves / . / the / are**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. The plural of 'child' is 'childs'. True / False

18. The plural of 'city' is 'cities'. True / False

19. The plural of 'tooth' is 'teeth'. True / False

20. The plural of 'boy' is 'boies'. True / False

21. The plural of 'watch' is 'watchs'. True / False

22. 'Sheep' is the same in the singular and the plural. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Plural

1. b) boxes
2. b) children
3. c) babies
4. b) women
5. b) knives
6. a) sheep

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. dishes
8. people
9. cities
10. mice
11. men
12. boys

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. The children are happy.
14. Are the boxes big?
15. The women are from Spain.
16. The leaves are not green.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. True
19. True
20. False
21. False
22. True