

## Grammar Singular & Plural Nouns

- A **singular noun** □ 1 person, animal, place or thing.
- A **plural noun** □ more than 1 person, animal, place or thing.

letter **'s'** is usually added to form a plural noun.

- fruit – fruits
- girls – girls
- lamp – lamps
- song – songs

Noun which ends with **'y'** preceded by a **vowel** (**ay, ey, oy, uy**), the letter **'s'** is added to form the plural.

- boy – boys
- day – days
- key – keys
- guy – guys

Noun which ends with the letter **'o'** preceded by a **vowel**, the letter **'s'** is added to form the plural.

- ✓ radio – radios
- ✓ studio – studios
- ✓ bamboo – bamboos
- ✓ piano – pianos
- ✓ zoo – zoos

Noun which ends with the letter **'o'** preceded by a **consonant**, **'s'** or **'es'** is added to form the plural.

- ✓ Photo – photos
- ✓ Potato – potato**es**
- ✓ Hero – hero**es**

Noun which ends with the letter 'f' or 'fe', the plural form is made by either adding the letter 's' or by changing 'f' / 'fe' to 'ves'.

- Leaf – leaves
- Knife – knives
- Half – halves
- Thief – thieves
- Roof – roofs
- Safe – safes
- Chef – chefs

Nouns which end with 's', 'x', 'sh' and 'ch', the plural is formed by adding 'es'.

class – classes

box – boxes

dish – dishes

match – matches

For a noun which ends with 'y' preceded by a *consonant*, the letter 'y' is changed into 'ies' to form the plural.

- ✓ activity – activities
- ✓ berry – berries
- ✓ lorry – lorries
- ✓ puppy – puppies

Some nouns are called **irregular** as their plural form is spelt very differently from the singular form.

a) ox – **oxen**

b) child – **children**

c) foot – **feet**

d) tooth – **teeth**

e) goose – **geese**

f) mouse – **mice**

g) man – **men**

h) woman – **women**

A few irregular nouns maintain the same spelling and pronunciation for both singular and plural forms.

- ✓ deer – **deer**
- ✓ sheep – **sheep**
- ✓ salmon – **salmon**
- ✓ furniture – **furniture**

Some nouns occur only in the plural form: binoculars, glasses, scissors, spectacles, pants, pyjamas, shorts, tights, trousers, clothes, stairs, goods

Some nouns have no plural: news, work, homework, rubbish