



Plural Power Rules

A plural noun means **more than one**. Read each rule with a grown-up. Keep this page to study!



Most nouns: add -s



one cat



two cats



Ends in ch, sh, x, s or z: add -es

Shhh! Choo-choo! X! Add -es! Clap test: an extra beat means add -es.



one fox



two foxes



Ends in y: look before the -y!

Consonant before -y: change y to i, add -es. Vowel before -y: just add -s (key, keys).



one baby



two babies



Ends in f or fe: change it to v, add -es

Say knives. Can you feel the V buzzing on your lip?



one knife



two knives



Ends in o: look before the -o!

Vowel before -o, music words and shortened words just add -s (zoos, pianos, photos). Potato, tomato, hero add -es.



one potato



two potatoes



Some words change in the middle

tooth, teeth · goose, geese · man, men · mouse, mice · child, children · person, people · ox, oxen · cactus, cacti · die, dice



one foot



two feet



Some words stay the same

fish · deer · moose · salmon · shrimp · buffalo



one sheep



two sheep



Power Sort

Clap the plural. An extra beat means add **-es**! Circle **-s** or **-es**, then write the plural on the line.



Memory trick: **Shhh! Choo-choo! X! Add -es!** Finger on your lips for sh, arms like a train for ch, cross your arms for x. Words that end in s or z hiss and buzz, so they get **-es** too.



one frog

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one peach

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one bike

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one brush

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one ax

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one star

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one dress

(-s) (-es)

two _____



one sandwich

(-s) (-es)

two _____

Your turn! Think of your own words. Draw **lots** of each thing, then write the plural on the line.

A word that just adds -s

two _____

A word that adds -es

two _____



Y and F Fix-It

Circle the right plural. Then write it in the gap.



Look before the -y! Consonant before -y? Change y to i, add -es. Vowel before -y? Just add -s!
F or fe? Change f or fe to v, then add -es.



One puppy, two _____.

Circle: puppies · puppies



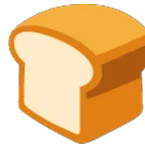
One wolf, a pack of _____.

Circle: wolves · wolfs



One turkey, three _____.

Circle: turkies · turkeys



One loaf, two _____ of bread.

Circle: loafs · loaves



One butterfly, lots of _____.

Circle: butterflies · butterflys



One knife, two _____.

Circle: knives · knifes



One donkey, two _____.

Circle: donkeys · donkies



One elf, three _____.

Circle: elfs · elves

Bonus round! Write the plural. Look at the letter before the -y, or change the f to v.



one bunny

two _____



one toy

three _____



one shelf

two _____



one life

nine _____

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Pair Up

Some plurals change in the middle! Draw a line from each word to its plural.



👉 **One**



foot



mouse



tooth



child



goose



person



ox

👉 **More than one**



children



people



feet



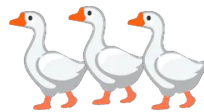
oxen



mice



teeth



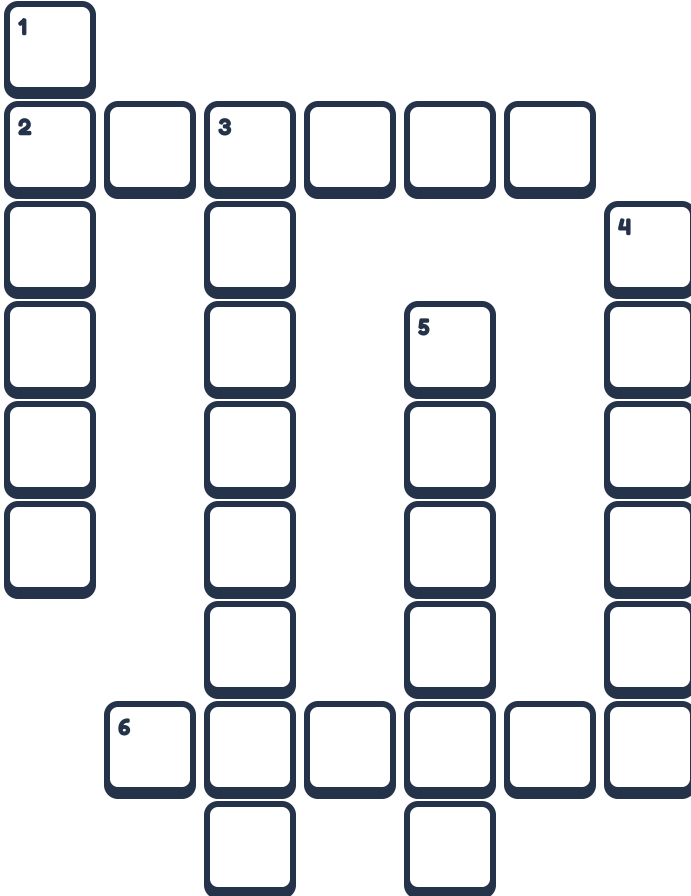
geese

Did you notice? In foot, tooth and goose, the double O turns into a double E! Mouse and louse rhyme, and so do mice and lice.



4 Crossword

Does it add -s or -es? Look before the -o! Write each plural in the boxes.



1 down · 6 letters

Short for photograph. One photo, many ____.



2 across · 6 letters

Short for hippopotamus. One hippo, two ____.



3 down · 8 letters

You can mash them or bake them. One potato, a bag of ____.



4 down · 6 letters

A music word! One piano, two ____.



5 down · 6 letters

There is a vowel before the o. One radio, three ____.



6 across · 6 letters

They save the day! One hero, a team of ____.

Clues: a vowel before the -o, a music word, or a shortened word? Just add -s. Potato, tomato, hero? Add -es! *The hero ate potatoes and tomatoes!*

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Same Herd Hunt

These animals stay the same for one or many! Read each clue and write the word. Then find it and color it in. Words go across → or down ↓ only.



X	S	H	R	I	M	P	A
X	X	Z	U	K	J	Z	Y
M	J	F	X	Q	G	D	D
O	A	C	V	X	J	B	E
O	Z	F	I	S	H	D	E
S	C	C	K	L	B	X	R
E	R	X	U	K	Z	L	Q
Y	B	S	H	E	E	P	D



Fluffy farm animals that say baa. A flock of ...



They have antlers and live in the woods. A herd of ...



They swim and have fins. A tank full of ...



Very big animals with wide antlers. Two ...



Small sea animals with lots of legs. A plate of ...

Count the boxes: no extra S! Lots of these are animals that live in big groups, like a flock of sheep or a herd of deer.

Stuck? Here are the words, upside down: sheep · deer · fish · moose · shrimp



Think Like a Hero

Decide if each friend is right. Then explain why. Heroes always explain!



Rusty says:

"I saw three wolfs in the woods!"

Step 1. Is Rusty right? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



Ginger says:

"One monkey, two monkeys. There is a vowel before the y, so I just add -s!"

Step 1. Is Ginger right? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



Dot says:

"My whole family is here. We are five deers!"

Step 1. Is Dot right? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



Captain Plural says:

"One mouse, two mouses!"

Step 1. Is Captain Plural right? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Step 2. Why?

Step 3. How sure are you? 😞 ☐ 😊 ☐ 😄 ☐



Power Climb

A game for 2 to 4 players. You need a die (or number cards 1 to 6) and a coin or button for each player.

20 finish	19 slide to 12	18 question card	17	16
11 up to 17	12	13	14 question card	15 slide to 8
10 question card	9	8	7 up to 13	6
1 start	2	3 up to 9	4	5 question card

How to play: Roll and move. Land on 🪜, 🐍 or ❓? Another player reads you a question card.
 🪜 Answer right to climb up. 🐍 Answer right to stay safe, or slide down. ❓ Answer right to roll again. First to the ★ wins!





Question Cards

Cut out the cards and put them face down in a pile. Say or spell the plural.
The answer is upside down at the bottom.



? Card 1

One box, two ...
boxs · boxes



Answer: boxes

? Card 2

One baby, two ...
babies · babys



Answer: babies

? Card 3

One leaf, lots of ...
leafs · leaves



Answer: leaves

? Card 4

One child, lots of ...
childs · childes · children



Answer: children

? Card 5

One sheep, two ...
sheep · sheeps



Answer: sheep

? Card 6

One tomato, two ...
tomatos · tomatoes



Answer: tomatoes

? Card 7

One bus, two ...
buses · busies



Answer: buses

? Card 8

One city, many ...
citys · cities



Answer: cities

? Card 9

One half, two ...
halves · halves



Answer: halves

? Card 10

One igloo, three ...
iglooes · igloos



Answer: igloos

? Card 11

One cactus, two ...
cacti · cactis



Answer: cacti

? Card 12

One woman, two ...
womans · women



Answer: women

? Card 13

One die, a pair of ...
dices · dice



Answer: dice

? Card 14

One tooth, lots of ...
teeth · tooths



Answer: teeth



Plural Noun Pro!



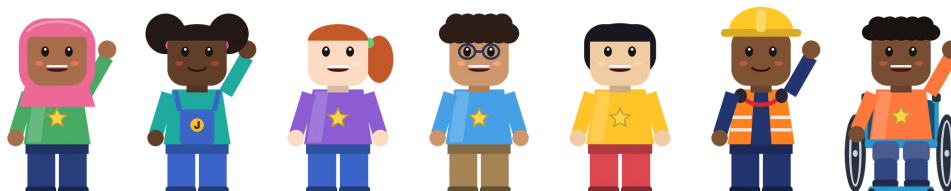
earned all 7 Power Stars with Captain Plural

Most nouns add -s. Shhh! Choo-choo! X! Add -es! Look before the -y and the -o. F and fe change to v. Some words change in the middle, and some stay the same!

How do plurals feel now? Color one.

☐ I need more practice ☐ I am getting there ☐ I can teach it!

Date _____ Signed _____



Answer Key

1. Power Sort

Add -s: frogs, bikes, stars

Add -es: peaches, brushes, axes, dresses, sandwiches

2. Y and F Fix-It

puppies, wolves, turkeys, loaves, butterflies, knives,
donkeys, elves

Bonus: bunnies, toys, shelves, lives

3. Pair Up

foot, feet · mouse, mice · tooth, teeth · child, children ·
goose, geese · person, people · ox, oxen

6. Think Like a Hero

1. No. Wolf ends in f, so change the f to v and add -es: wolves.
2. Yes. E is a vowel, so the y stays and we just add -s: monkeys.
3. No. Deer is the same for one or many: five deer.
4. No. Mouse is a special plural: mice.

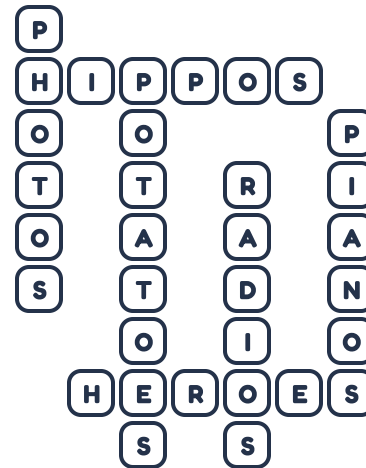
Question cards

boxes, babies, leaves, children, sheep, tomatoes, buses,
cities, halves, igloos, cacti, women, dice, teeth

Step 3 (how sure?) has no right answer. A child who is right but "not sure" needs one more practice round. A child who is wrong but "very sure" has a mix-up worth talking about.

Rules to check before the assessment: -s, -es (ch, sh, x, s, z), y words, f and fe words, o words, words that change in the middle, and words that stay the same. The rules page at the front covers all seven.

4. O Crossword



1 photos, 2 hippos, 3 potatoes, 4 pianos, 5
radios, 6 heroes

5. Same Herd Hunt

sheep, deer, fish, moose, shrimp

