

PLURAL FORMS

As a general rule, the plural is formed by adding **-s** or **-es** to the noun.

a) **-s** in most of the cases.

car / cars; pencil/pencils; book/books; paper / papers

b) **-es** when the noun ends in:

- o: (some words) tomato/ tomatoes ; hero/ heroes ; potato/ potatoes

- s: bus/ buses ; kiss/ kisses

- sh: brush / brushes

- ch : church / churches

- z : buzz/ buzzes

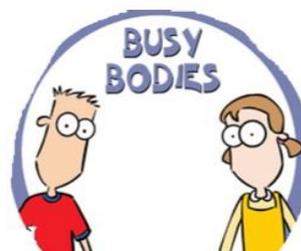
- x : mix / mixes

c) **Nouns ending in y**: when the letter before **-y** is a consonant the change is **+ y → ies**.

City / cities

Lady / ladies

Body / bodies



2.- Irregular forms:

SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
Man (hombre)	Men	Foot (pie)	Feet
Woman (mujer)	Women	Tooth (diente)	Teeth
Child (niño-a)	Children	Goose (oca, ganso)	Geese
Mouse (ratón)	Mice	Penny (penique)	Pence
Ox (buey)	Oxen	Louse (piojo)	lice

3.- Some nouns ending in (f)e change to **-ves**

SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
Life	Lives	Half	Halves
Knife	Knives	Leaf	Leaves
Wife	Wives	Shelf	Shelves
Wolf	Wolves	Self	Selves
Thief	Thieves	Calf	calves

4.- Other important plural forms:

DEMONSTRATIVES:

SINGULAR	PLURAL
This	These
That	Those

QUANTIFIERS:

SINGULAR	PLURAL
a/an	some
Little	few

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EXERCISES:

Change the following sentences in plural form:

1.- There is an old woman sitting on that bench.

2.- I can see a child. He is holding a knife in his hand.

3.- We work in this company. It is in that part of the city

4.- Is there a man in this church?

5.- Our life is beautiful with the person we love

6.- "My tooth hurts a lot". Poor baby.

7.- There is a mouse on that shelf. It is next to the white box

8.- It's autumn and a leaf is falling from the tree. The city is very dirty in this season

9.- That child has a goose in his garden.

10.- This woman is a person that take a bus to work on Monday
