

PLURALS

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+S

an
apple-apples



+ES (IF NOUNS
ENDING IN -S, -SS,
-CH, -X, -O)

a
tomato-tomat
oes

BUT:

radio-radios
piano-pianos
photo-photos
rhino-rhinos
hippo-hippos
video-videos

NOUNS ENDING IN A VOWEL+Y TAKE -S IN THE PLURAL

a toy-toys

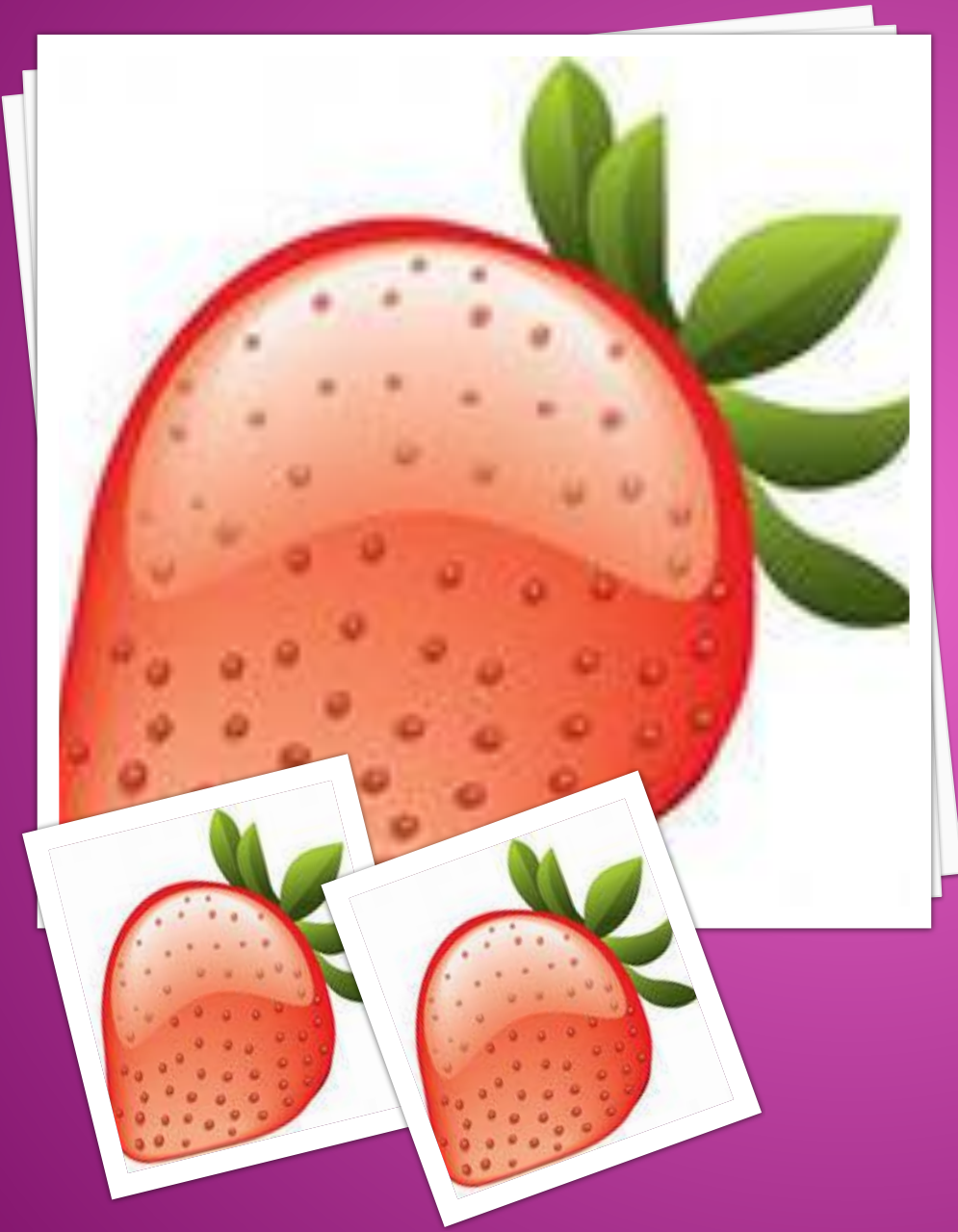


NOUNS ENDING IN
CONSONANT+Y,
DROP THE -Y AND
TAKE -IES IN THE
PLURAL

a

strawberry-str
awberries

~~y~~-i+es





NOUNS ENDING IN -F
OR -FE, DROP THE F
OR FE AND TAKE
-VES IN THE PLURAL

a leaf-leaves
~~-f/-fe~~-v+es

BUT:

chiefs

roofs

safes

cliffs

beliefs

scarf(ves)

wharfs(ves)

dwarfs(ves)

hoofs(ves)

IRREGULAR PLURALS:

a man-men

a woman-women

a child-children

a foot-feet

a tooth-teeth

a goose-geese

a mouse-mice

a louse-lice

an ox-oxen

SOME NOUNS HAVE THE SAME SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORMS:

a fish-fish

a deer-deer

a sheep-sheep

a trout-trout

a swine-swine

an aircraft-aircraft

a means-means

SOME WORDS WHICH COME FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES HAVE SPECIAL PLURALS:

- Analysis-analyses
- Appendix-appendices/appendixes
- Bacterium-bacteria
- Basis-bases
- Cactus-cacti/cactuses
- Crisis-crises
- Criterion-criteria
- Diagnosis-diagnoses
- Formula-formulae/formulas
- Fungus-fungi/funguses
- Hypothesis-hypotheses
- Medium-media/mediums
- Phenomenon-phenomena

NOUN+PREPOSITION+NOUN, WE ADD
-S TO THE FIRST NOUN

● a mother-in-law- mothers̲-in-law

IF THE FIRST WORD IS MAN OR WOMAN

- a woman-doctor- women-doctors

NOUN+ADVERB, WE ADD -S TO THE
FIRST WORD

⦿ passer-by-passers-by

IF THERE IS NO NOUN-STEM IN THE
COMPOUND -S IS ADDED TO THE LAST
ELEMENT

- Forget-me-not-forget-me-nots

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS(ARE USED IN SINGULAR):

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| Mass nouns: | Beer, blood, bread, butter,air, oxygen, corn, flour |
| Subjects: | History, mathematics, physics |
| Languages: | Spanish, French, Japanese, Italian |
| Games: | Baseball, billiards, football, golf, darts, cricket, rugby |
| Diseases: | Flu, pneumonia, measles, mumps, tuberculosis |
| Natural phenomena: | Darkness, fog, gravity, snow |
| Collective nouns: | Baggage, crockery, cutlery, furniture, jewellery, luggage, machinery, money, rubbish. |
| Others: | Advice, anger, applause, assistance, behavior, business, chaos, countryside, courage, education, evidence, homework, information, knowledge, luck, music, news, peace, progress, se aside, traffic, trouble, truth, wealth, work, summons, crossroads, rubbish. |

ALWAYS PLURAL:

people

cattle

trousers

jeans

shorts

shoes

gloves

pajamas

tights

earrings

scissors

pliers

arms

ashes

barracks

clothes

congratulations

outskirts

police

riches

stairs

surroundings

wages

goods

A GROUP OF ENGLISH NOUNS THAT CAN BE USED AS COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE WITH A DIFFERENCE IN MEANING:

| Glass(стекло) | a glass(стакан) |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Hair(волосы) | a hair(волос) |
| Iron(железо) | an iron(утюг) |
| Experience(опыт) | an experience(событие) |
| Work(работа) | a work(произведение) |
| Paper(бумага) | a paper(газета) |

COLLECTIVE NOUNS THAT CAN BE BOTH SINGULAR AND PLURAL:

- ◉ Army
- ◉ Audience
- ◉ Class
- ◉ Committee
- ◉ Company
- ◉ Crew
- ◉ Crowd
- ◉ Government
- ◉ Group
- ◉ Faculty
- ◉ Family

TEAM

- Is singular when it is regarded as one unit:

Our team is winning.

- Is plural when we mean each member of this unit individually:

The team are going back to their homes.

RUSSIAN NOUNS THAT ARE ALWAYS PLURAL IN RUSSIAN BUT ARE SINGULAR AND PLURAL IN ENGLISH.

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| ворота | a gate-gates |
| сани | a sledge-sledges |
| каникулы | a vacation-vacations |
| часы | a watch/clock-watches/clocks |