

Thenoun

# There are countable and uncountable nouns.

- Countable

a chair

a question

an engineer

a bus

- Uncountable

mater

milk

freedom

friendship

The countable noun is used in the form of the singular and the plural.

The uncountable nouns is used only in the form of singular.

- Most nouns take **-s** to form their plural.

*doctor* → *doctors*, *car* → *cars*

- Nouns ending in **-s**, **-ss** or **-x** take **-es** to form their plural.

*bus* → *buses*, *glass* → *glasses*, *box* → *boxes*

Some nouns form  
the plural by  
changing the root  
vowel.

# Irregular Plurals

Singular

Plural

man

men

woman

women

child

children

person

people

foot

feet

tooth

teeth

mouse

mice

The plural of the  
nouns **sheep,**  
**deer, swine** and  
**fish** is identical  
with the **singular.**

Some nouns borrowed from Latin and Greek keep the plural form of the language from which they have been borrowed.

*A phenomenon*

*[finominen]-phenomena [finimine]*

*явище*

*a crisis [kraisis]-crises[kraisiz]*

*a radius [reidjes]-radii [reidiai]*



If the singular ends in – th [θ] preceded by a long vowel or a diphthong, in the plural the final [θ] is changed into [ð] after which the ending –s is pronounced [z].

A path [pa:θ]- paths [pa:ðz]

- Nouns ending in a **vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural.

*boy* → *boys*, *toy* → *toys*

- Nouns ending in a **consonant + y** drop the **-y** and take **-ies**.

*country* → *countries*, *cherry* → *cherries*

- Most nouns take **-s** to form their plural. *clock - clocks*

- Nouns ending in **-ss, -ch, -x, -sh** take **-es**. *glass - glasses, torch - torches, box - boxes, brush - brushes*

- Some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** to form their plural.

*leaf - leaves, knife - knives*

Some nouns ending in – o  
take –**es**.

f.e *Tomato- tomatoes*

***But:***

*radio- radios, piano- pianos,  
photo- photos, video- videos.*

**Repeat the rule!**

# Countable - Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns are nouns which we **can count**. They have singular and plural forms.  
*one orange - two oranges - three oranges - etc*
- Uncountable nouns are nouns which we **cannot count**.
- Uncountable nouns have only singular forms. These nouns include:  
*food: cheese, butter, salt, pepper, bread, spaghetti, etc*  
*liquid: coffee, milk, water, tea, lemonade, etc*

We can use the following nouns in front of some uncountable nouns to show quantity:

a bottle → a bottle of lemonade

a glass → a glass of water

a carton → a carton of milk

a cup → a cup of coffee

a bowl → a bowl of soup

a packet → a packet of spaghetti

a slice → a slice of bread

a loaf → a loaf of bread

a kilo → a kilo of cheese

	COUNTABLE NOUNS		UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS
	SINGULAR	PLURAL	
Affirmative	There is <b>an</b> apple.	There are <b>some</b> girls.	There is <b>some</b> bread.
Negative	There isn't <b>an</b> apple.	There aren't <b>any</b> girls.	There isn't <b>any</b> bread.
Interrogative	Is there <b>an</b> apple?	Are there <b>any</b> girls?	Is there <b>any</b> bread?



# Plurals

- **Spelling Rules**
- To form plural nouns we usually add **-s** to the noun.
  - *one pen - two pens*
- Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -ch, -x** or **-o** take **-es** in the plural.
  - *bus - buses, glass - glasses, brush - brushes, watch - watches, fox - foxes, tomato - tomatoes*
- However, some nouns ending in **-o** take only **-s** .
  - *radio - radios, piano - pianos, studio - studios , video - videos kilo - kilos*
- Nouns ending in **a vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural.
  - *boy - boys*
- Nouns ending in **a consonant + y** drop the **-y** and take **-ies** in the plural.
  - *party - parties , baby - babies*
- Most nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe**, drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** in the plural.
  - *knife - knives , wolf - wolves*
- However, some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** take only **-s**.
  - *roof - roofs, cliff - cliffs, giraffe - giraffes*

# **Irregular Plurals**

Some nouns do not form their plural according to the about rules.

They either have a different form or the same form as in the singular.

These are:

## Singular

## Plural

child

children

man

men

women

women

foot

feet

tooth

teeth

goose

geese

mouse

mice

sheep

sheep

ox

Oxen

deer

deer

# Countable / Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns are nouns which we **can count**. They have **singular** and **plural forms**.
- *One egg, two eggs, three eggs*

- Uncountable nouns are nouns which we **cannot count**. Uncountable nouns have **only**
- **singular forms**. These nouns include:
- **Food**: cheese, butter, salt, pepper, bread, spaghetti, etc
- **Liquid**: coffee, milk, water, tea, lemonade, etc

- We can use the following nouns before uncountable nouns to show quantity:

a bottle →  
*a bottle of  
coke*

a glass →  
*a glass of  
water*

a carton →  
*a carton of milk*

a cup →  
*a cup of coffee*

a bowl →  
*a bowl of rice*

a packet → *a packet of  
spaghetti*

a slice → *a slice of  
cheese*

a loaf → *a loaf of  
bread*

a kilo → *a kilo of  
sugar*

a bar → *a bar of  
chocolate*