

REGULAR

PLURALS

**VOVELS, VOICED
CONSONANTS + S = (Z)**

DOG-DOGS

BEE-BEES

**VOICELESS
CONSONANTS+S =(S)**

BOOK-BOOKS

-S, -SH, -AS, -CH, -X, -Z+S=ES(IZ)

• *BUSH-BUSHES*

Exercise:

• *WATCH*

• *ACTRESS*

• *BOX*

• *WATCHES*

• *ACTRESSES*

• *BOXES*

O+S=OS(Z)

a) after a vowel

bamboos, embryos

exercise

folio, kangaroo, radio, studio, zoo

b) in proper names

Romeos

exercise

Eskimo, Filipino

c) in abbreviations

kilos

exercise

photo, pro (professional)

d) in some borrowed words

pianos

exercise

concerto, dynamo, quarto, solo, tango, tobacco.

0 + E + S

tomatoes

Exercise:

- *embargo*
- *torpedo*
- *veto*
- *potato*
- *Negro*
- *echo*

- *embargoes*
- *torpedoes*
- *vetoes*
- *potatoes*
- *Negroes*
- *echoes*

OES/OS

Exercise:

cargo

cargo(e)s

banjo

banjo(e)s

halo

halo(e)s

Y-IES

Exercise:

- sky

- cry

- skies


- cries

Y+S=YS

- **a) after vowels:**

- dayS (except in nouns ending in **-quy**: soliloquy - soliloquies).

- **b) in proper names:**

- *the two Germanys*;  *the Kennedy*,
the Gatsby;

- **c) in compounds:**

- *stand-bys*,  *lay-by*.

FE-VE

Exercis

e:

calf - calves

- Elf
- half
- knife
- leaf
- life
- loaf

- elves
- halves
- knives
- leaves
- lives
- loaves

FE-VE

Exercise:

- self
- sheaf
- shelf
- thief
- wife
- wolf

- selves
- sheaves
- shelves
- thieves
- wives
- wolves

F/FE+S=FS/FES

PROOF-PROOFS

Exercise:

- *chief*
- *safe*
- *cliff*
- *Gulf*
- *dwarf*
- *reef-*
- *grief*
- *chiefs*
- *safes*
- *cliffs*
- *gulfs*
- *dwarfs*
- *reefs*
- *griefs*

FS/VES

Exercise:



- *scarf*
- *dwarf*
- *hoof*

- *scarfs/scarves*
- *dwarfs/dwarves*
- *hoofs/hooves*

Abbreviations:

EXERCISE



- *Ms (manuscript)*
- *p. (page)*
- *Mr (Mister)*
- *M.P. (Member of Parliament)*
- *M.D. (Doctor of Medicine)*
- *Co. (Company)*

- - *MSS*
- - *pp.*
- - *Messrs* ['mesəz]
- - *M.P.s* ['em'pi:z]
- - *M.D.s* ['em'di:z]
- - *Co.s* [kouz]