

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:

- **WATCHES**
- **ACTRESSES**
- **BOXES**

O+S=OS(Z)

a) after a vowel

bamboo**os**, embryo**s**

exercise

folio, kangaroo, radio, studio, zoo

b) in proper names

Romeo**os**

exercise

Eskimo, Filipino

c) in abbreviations

kilos

exercise

photo , pro (professional)

d) in some borrowed words

piano**s**

exercise

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

OUES tomatoes

Exercise:

- *embargo*
- *torpedo*
- *veto*
- *potato*
- *Negro*
- *echo*
- *embargoes*
- *torpedoes*
- *vetoes*
- *potatoes*
- *Negroes*
- *echoes*

OES/OS

Exercise:

cargo

banjo

halo

cargo(e)s

banjo(e)s

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; || exercis* → *the Kennedy, the Gatsby;*
- c) in compounds:
 - *stand-bys, || exercise* → *lay-by.*

FE-VE

Exercis

e:

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

calf - calves

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

FE-VE

Exercise:

- self
- sheaf
- shelf
- thief
- wife
- wolf
- selves
- sheaves
- shelves
- thieves
- wives
- wolves

$$F/FF+S=FS/FES$$

PROOF-PROOFS

Exercise:

- *chief* • *chiefss*
- *safe* • *safess*
- *cliff* • *cliffss*
- *Gulf* • *gulfss*
- *dwarf* • *dwarfss*
- *reef-* • *reefss*
- *grief* • *griefs*

FS/VES

Exercise:

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

- *scarfs/scarves*
- *dwarfs/sdwarves*
- *hoofs/ooves*

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]