

# Nouns in English

# Plural Nouns

## Regular Plurals

end with *s* or *es*.

**Add **-es** to make nouns plural that **end****  
**with:**

- **s**
- **x**
- **ch**
- **sh**

Add **-ies** to make nouns plural that **end**  
with a **consonant and -y**:

Lady



Fry



City

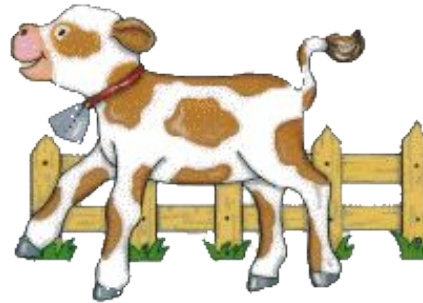


Army



**Most nouns that end in -f or -fe change to -ves when made plural:**

- **Calf**
- **Knife**
- **Leaf**
- **Wolf**
- **Wife**



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**BUT:**

**Chief**



**Handkerchief**



**Roof**

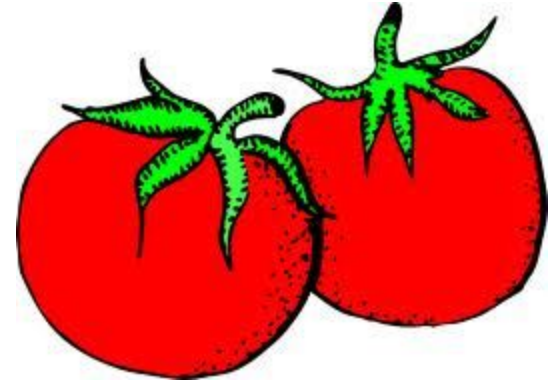


**Safe**



**Nouns that end in -o add -es when made plural.**

- **Tomato**



- **Potato**



- **Hero**



# BUT:

## Piano



## Photo





# IRREGULAR PLURALS

**Some nouns do not change at all when made plural:**

- **Sheep**



- **Deer**



- **Moose**

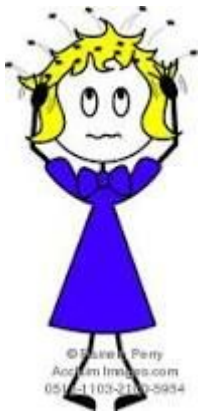
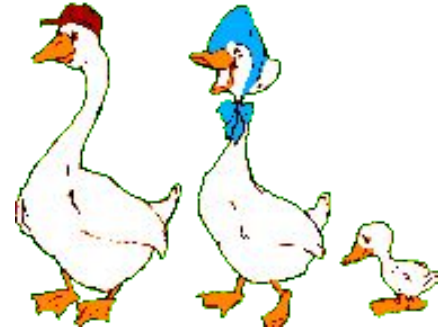


- **Trout**



Some nouns become a **new word** when made plural:

- **Man**
- **Woman**
- **Foot**
- **Goose**
- **Tooth**
- **Mouse**
- **Louse**

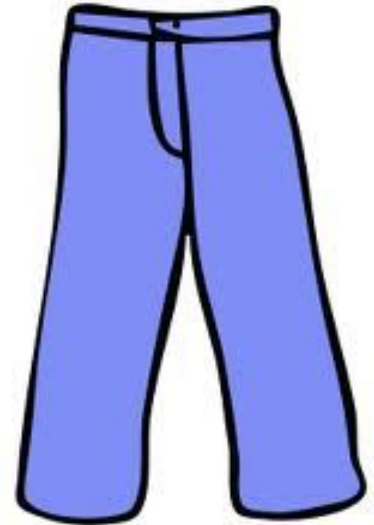


**Child**

**Ox**



# A few nouns have only plural forms:



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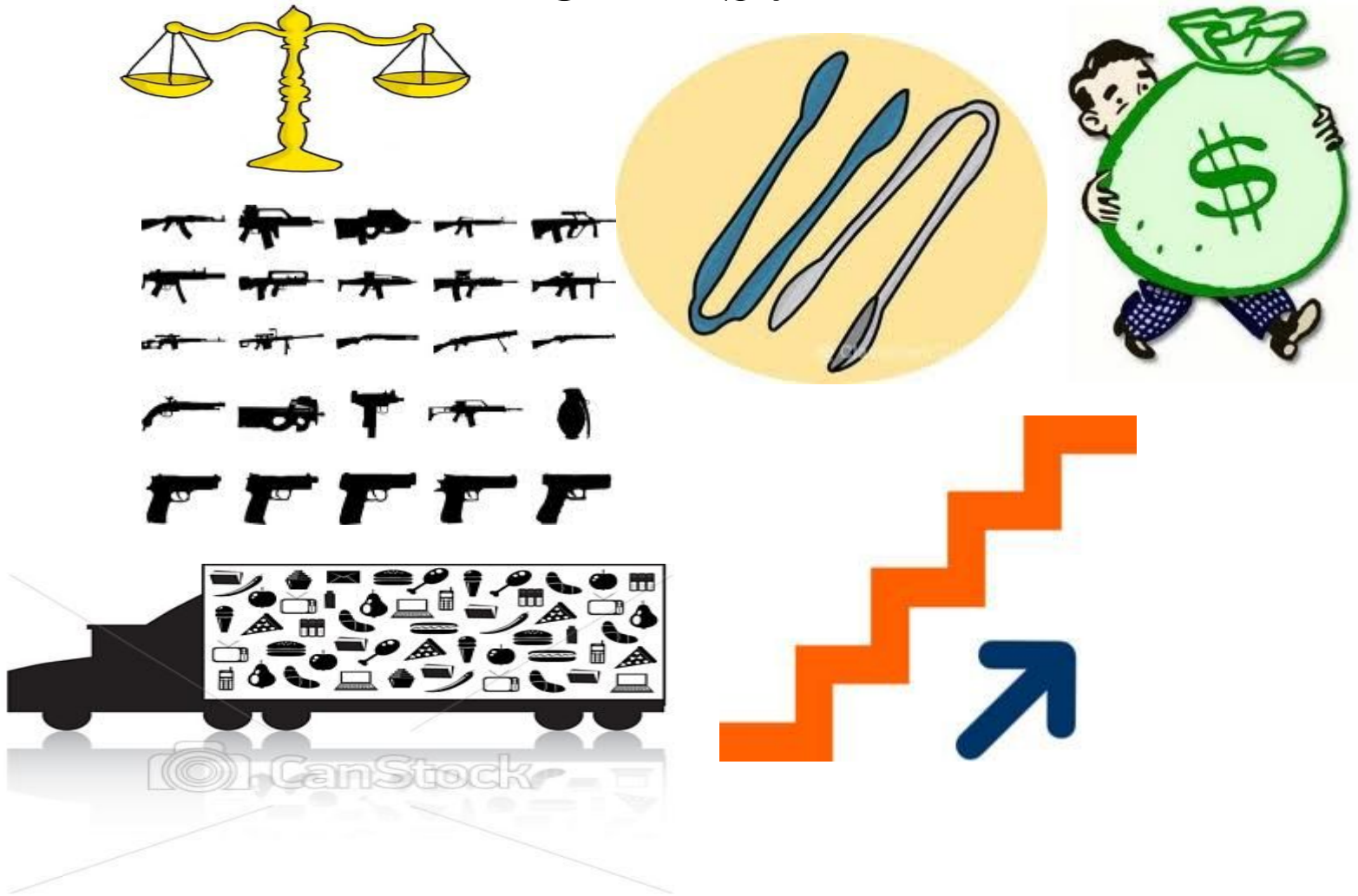


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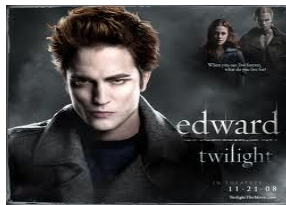
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# Nouns that have only singular forms:



# Compound Nouns: the main word has *plural form*

| Singular        | Plural |
|-----------------|--------|
| billboard       |        |
| cupful          |        |
| campground      |        |
| maid of honor   |        |
| attorney-at-law |        |
| step-brother    |        |
| Great-grandma   |        |



# Possessive Case

## SINGULAR:

**man – ....., child – .....**

## PLURAL:

**chairs – ....., rooms – .....,**

**men – ....., women – .....**

# **Possessive Case of Compounds and Phrases – ‘s is added to the whole phrase**

**Mother-in-law – .....**

**Maid of honor – .....**

**Attorney-at-law - .....**

# Noun Suffixes

**Denoting people**

**People in a certain occupation or  
activity:**

**-er (-or):**

**-eer:**

**Denoting people in a certain  
activity:**

**-ster**

**-ee**

**-ant**

**Denoting females/ instruments:**

**-ess**

**-ina, ine**

## Small things:

**-let**

**-ling**

**-ette**



**State/ activity:**

**-ing**

**-tion/-sion**

**-ment**

**-al**

**State/ status:**

**-hood**

**-ness**

**-ity**

**Amount:**

**-ful**

**-age**

**Ideas/ conditions:**

**-ism**

**-ship**

## **Ideas/ followers:**

**-ist**

**-an**

**-ite**