

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

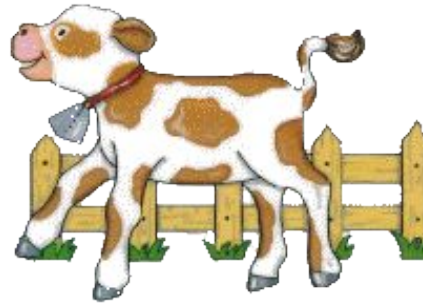


Army



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

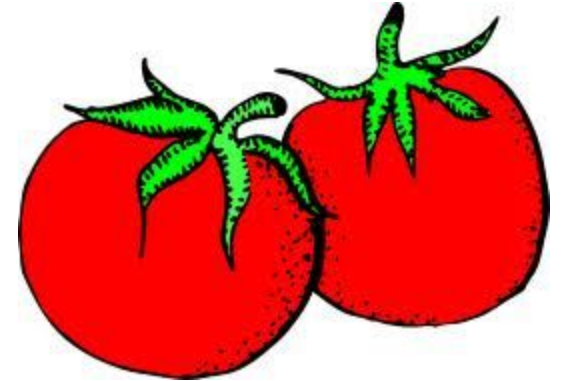


Safe



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

- **Tomato**



- **Potato**



- **Hero**



BUT:

Piano



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IRREGULAR PLURALS

Some nouns do not change at all when made plural:

- **Sheep**



- **Deer**



- **Moose**

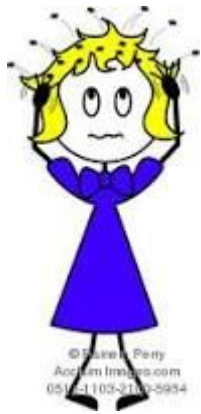
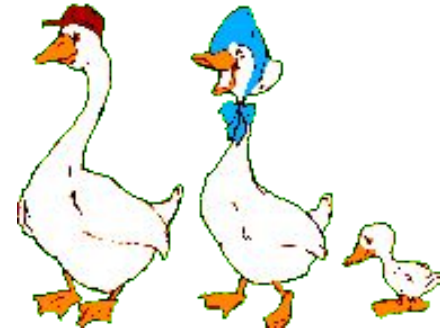


- **Trout**



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

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

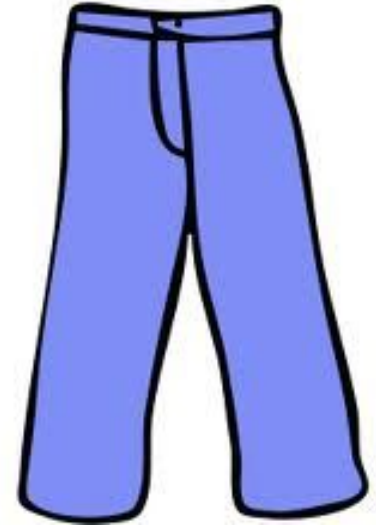


Child

Ox



A few nouns have only plural forms:



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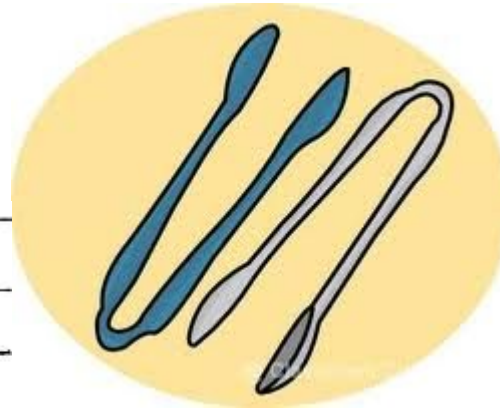
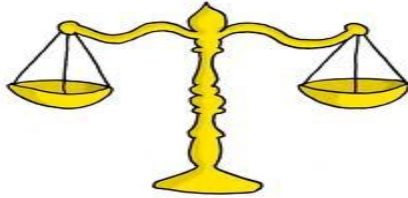


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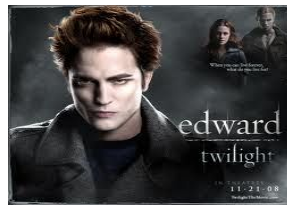
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CanStock

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