

# **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**

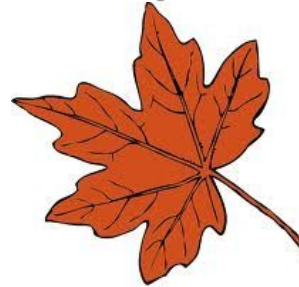
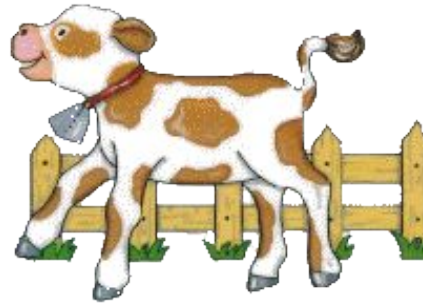


**Army**



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**

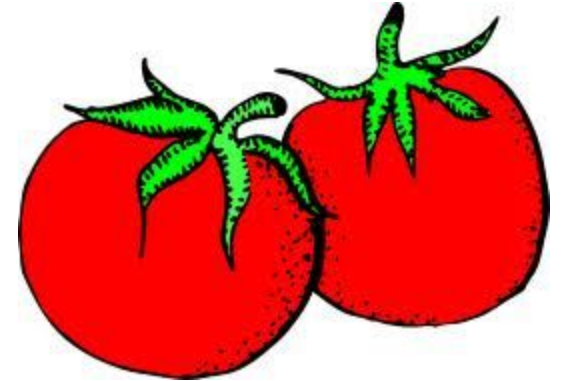


**Safe**



**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**

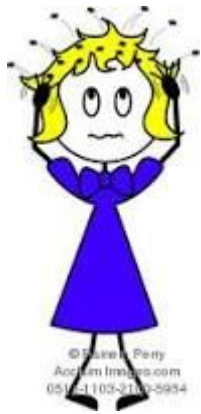
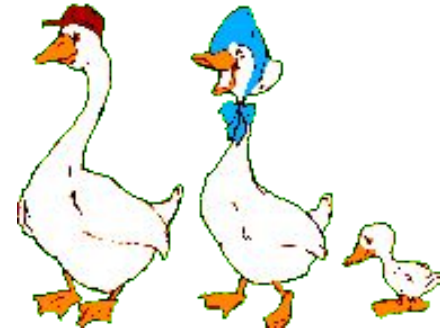


- **Trout**



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

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

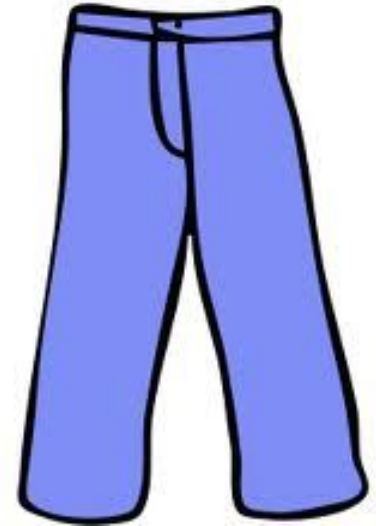


**Child**

**Ox**



# A few nouns have only plural forms:



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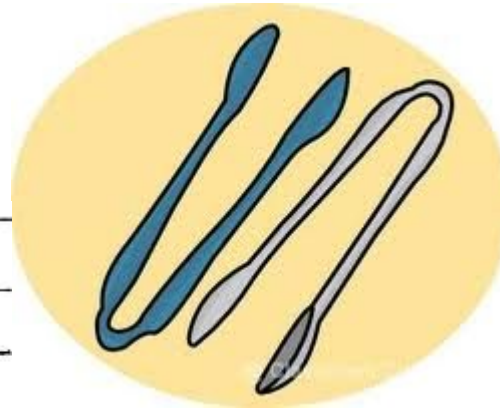
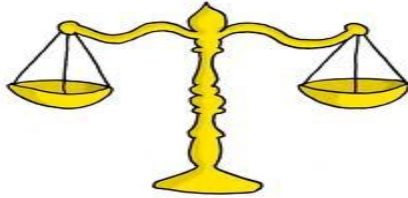


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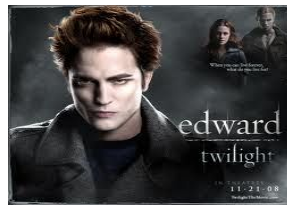
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CanStock



# Nouns that have only singular forms:



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

<b>Singular</b>	<b>Plural</b>
<b>billboard</b>	
<b>cupful</b>	
<b>campground</b>	
<b>maid of honor</b>	
<b>attorney-at-law</b>	
<b>step-brother</b>	
<b>Great-grandma</b>	



# 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**