

PLURALS

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+S

an
apple-apples



+ES (IF NOUNS
ENDING IN -S, -SS,
-CH, -X, -O)

a
tomato-tomat
oes

BUT:

radio-radios
piano-pianos
photo-photos
rhino-rhinos
hippo-hippos
video-videos

NOUNS ENDING IN A VOWEL+Y TAKE -S IN THE PLURAL

a toy-toys



NOUNS ENDING IN
CONSONANT+Y,
DROP THE -Y AND
TAKE -IES IN THE
PLURAL

a

strawberry-str
awberries

~~y~~-i+es





NOUNS ENDING IN -F
OR -FE, DROP THE F
OR FE AND TAKE
-VES IN THE PLURAL

a leaf-leaves
~~-f/-fe~~-v+es

BUT:

chiefs

roofs

safes

cliffs

beliefs

scarf(ves)

wharfs(ves)

dwarfs(ves)

hoofs(ves)

IRREGULAR PLURALS:

a man-men

a woman-women

a child-children

a foot-feet

a tooth-teeth

a goose-geese

a mouse-mice

a louse-lice

an ox-oxen

SOME NOUNS HAVE THE SAME SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORMS:

a fish-fish

a deer-deer

a sheep-sheep

a trout-trout

a swine-swine

an aircraft-aircraft

a means-means

SOME WORDS WHICH COME FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES HAVE SPECIAL PLURALS:

- Analysis-analyses
- Appendix-appendices/appendixes
- Bacterium-bacteria
- Basis-bases
- Cactus-cacti/cactuses
- Crisis-crises
- Criterion-criteria
- Diagnosis-diagnoses
- Formula-formulae/formulas
- Fungus-fungi/funguses
- Hypothesis-hypotheses
- Medium-media/mediums
- Phenomenon-phenomena

NOUN+PREPOSITION+NOUN, WE ADD
-S TO THE FIRST NOUN

● a mother-in-law- motherṣ-in-law

IF THE FIRST WORD IS MAN OR WOMAN

- a woman-doctor- women-doctors

NOUN+ADVERB, WE ADD -S TO THE
FIRST WORD

⦿ passer-by-passers-by

IF THERE IS NO NOUN-STEM IN THE
COMPOUND -S IS ADDED TO THE LAST
ELEMENT

- Forget-me-not-forget-me-nots

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS(ARE USED IN SINGULAR):

Mass nouns:	Beer, blood, bread, butter,air, oxygen, corn, flour
Subjects:	History, mathematics, physics
Languages:	Spanish, French, Japanese, Italian
Games:	Baseball, billiards, football, golf, darts, cricket, rugby
Diseases:	Flu, pneumonia, measles, mumps, tuberculosis
Natural phenomena:	Darkness, fog, gravity, snow
Collective nouns:	Baggage, crockery, cutlery, furniture, jewellery, luggage, machinery, money, rubbish.
Others:	Advice, anger, applause, assistance, behavior, business, chaos, countryside, courage, education, evidence, homework, information, knowledge, luck, music, news, peace, progress, se aside, traffic, trouble, truth, wealth, work, summons, crossroads, rubbish.

ALWAYS PLURAL:

people

cattle

trousers

jeans

shorts

shoes

gloves

pajamas

tights

earrings

scissors

pliers

arms

ashes

barracks

clothes

congratulations

outskirts

police

riches

stairs

surroundings

wages

goods

A GROUP OF ENGLISH NOUNS THAT CAN BE USED AS COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE WITH A DIFFERENCE IN MEANING:

Glass(стекло)	a glass(стакан)
Hair(волосы)	a hair(волос)
Iron(железо)	an iron(утюг)
Experience(опыт)	an experience(событие)
Work(работа)	a work(произведение)
Paper(бумага)	a paper(газета)

COLLECTIVE NOUNS THAT CAN BE BOTH SINGULAR AND PLURAL:

- ◉ Army
- ◉ Audience
- ◉ Class
- ◉ Committee
- ◉ Company
- ◉ Crew
- ◉ Crowd
- ◉ Government
- ◉ Group
- ◉ Faculty
- ◉ Family

TEAM

- Is singular when it is regarded as one unit:

Our team is winning.

- Is plural when we mean each member of this unit individually:

The team are going back to their homes.

RUSSIAN NOUNS THAT ARE ALWAYS PLURAL IN RUSSIAN BUT ARE SINGULAR AND PLURAL IN ENGLISH.

ворота	a gate-gates
сани	a sledge-sledges
каникулы	a vacation-vacations
часы	a watch/clock-watches/clocks