

Plural Rules

Changing nouns to more than one

1. Usually just add s.

One chair → Five chairs One dog → Three dogs

2. Words that end in sh, ch, tch, s, ss, x, z, zz → add es.

One dish → Many dishes One watch → Seven watches

Exception: quiz → quizzes

3. Words that end in f or fe → drop the f or fe and add ves.

One knife → Several knives One calf → Eight calves

Some exceptions: chiefs, reefs, roofs (American), chefs

4. Words ending in o → add es.

One potato → Lots of potatoes A hero → Many heroes

Some exceptions; pianos, solos, radios, kangaroos, memos, studios, photos, videos

5. Words ending in y

5a) If the y is a graph → drop the y and add ies.

One lolly → many lollies One family → Many families

5b) If y is the last letter of a digraph → just add s.

One day → Many days One key → A bunch of keys

6. Use the same word.

One fish → Many fish One sheep → Lots of sheep

7. Use a different word.

One foot → Two feet One mouse → Many mice