



Nouns

plural (more than one)

Nouns can be singular (one only) or plural (more than one). To make most nouns plural add **s** at the end of them, eg gardens**s**, chairs**s**, cups**s**, papers**s**, girls**s**. However there are some exceptions.

Other general rules for making words plural			
Words ending in:	Rule	Examples	Exceptions
words that end in e	add s	houses, games, tables	
words that end in oo	add s	cuckoos, igloos, zoos	
words that end in ch, sh, s, ss or x	add es	churches, glasses, foxes, dishes	
words that end in o	add es	tomatoes, heroes, volcanoes	photos, pianos, radios, kilos
words that end in a vowel and y (eg ay, ey, oy)	add s	keys, boys, monkeys	
words that end in a consonant + y (eg phy, ly, gy, ty, fy, py, ky, by, ry)	change the y to i and add es	story – stories, sky – skies, baby – babies, family – families, trophy – trophies	
words that end in f or fe	change the f to v and add es	shelf – shelves, loaf – loaves,	roof – roofs, cliff – cliffs, chief – chiefs

Other interesting plurals		
some words remain the same for singular and plural	sheep, bread, weather, paper, grapefruit, information	
some words are always plural	trousers, scissors, tweezers, politics, riches, police, news	
some words have a different form for the plural	tooth – teeth, mouse – mice, woman – women, man – men, child – children	
compound nouns usually have the base word as a plural	handbags, brothers-in-law, runners-up, lookers-on	cupfuls, spoonfuls, bucketfuls