

Rules for Changing Singular to Plural

Rule 1: Add –s to the singular

Most nouns form plural by adding –s.

Singular Plural

book	books
table	tables
girl	girls
pen	pens

Rule 2: Add –es to nouns ending in s, ss, sh, ch, x, or o

Singular Plural

bus	buses
glass	glasses
class	classes
brush	brushes
dish	dishes
match	matches
branch	branches
box	boxes
fox	foxes
hero	heroes

Rule 3: If noun ends in consonant + y, change y → i and add –es

Singular Plural

baby	babies
lady	ladies
city	cities
army	armies
country	countries
story	stories
family	families

Rule 4: If noun ends in f / fe, change to v and add –es

Singular Plural

leaf	leaves
wolf	wolves
wife	wives
life	lives
knife	knives
calf	calves

Rule 5: Irregular Plural (word changes completely)

Singular Plural

man	men
woman	women
child	children
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
goose	geese
ox	oxen
person	people
die	dice

Rule 6: Same form in Singular and Plural

Singular / Plural (Same)

sheep
deer
fish
aircraft