

Identifying Singular and Plural Nouns

A noun that names only one person, place, or thing is a **singular noun**. A noun that names more than one person, place, or thing is a **plural noun**. Add -s to most singular nouns to form the plural.

Nick played a game in his room. Nick played games in his room.

They studied for their math test. They studied for all their tests.

➤ Write *singular* or *plural* for each underlined noun.

1. Our moms will be upset if we stay out too late. _____
2. You did not give me credit for my great idea. _____
3. The horses in the barn all wore a blanket. _____
4. There are 30 days in the month of September. _____
5. The cat had five kittens. _____

➤ Write the plural form of the noun in parentheses to complete the sentence.

6. Please finish all the _____ on your plate. (pea)
7. I can't find my favorite cat _____. (sock)
8. We heard some _____ hooting in the night. (owl)
9. Kendra has two _____ and one sister. (brother)
10. Six _____ were parked in front of the school. (truck)

➤ Revisit your piece of writing. Edit the draft to make sure all singular and plural nouns are used correctly.

Plural Nouns with -s

Add -s to most nouns to form the plural.

Singular: shirt frog ladder

Plural: shirts frogs ladders

➤ Write the plural form of the underlined noun.

1. We saw a red bird on our lawn. Soon there were many red _____ at our bird feeder.
2. Minna cut out a picture from a magazine. Then she cut out more _____ to make a collage.
3. I grabbed an apple from the fruit bowl. There were only two _____ left.
4. Mike found an old photograph of his mother. She showed him more _____.
5. My favorite flower is a rose. But I do like lots of other _____.

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Plural Nouns with **-s** and **-es**

Add **-s** to most nouns to form the plural.

Add **-es** to nouns that end in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, and *x* to form the plural.

Singular:	chair	box	peach
Plural:	chairs	boxes	peaches

➤ Write the plural form of the noun in parentheses to complete the sentence.

1. Please bring the water _____ to the table. (glass)
2. My mother pulled our _____ out of the attic. (suitcase)
3. I had to use two _____ before the candle would light. (match)
4. Our teacher separated us into two _____ for a math game.
(group)
5. We will need your names and _____ for our records. (address)

➤ Revisit your piece of writing. Edit the draft to make sure all plural nouns are used correctly.

Review Plural Nouns with *-s* and *-es*

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Add *-s* to most singular nouns to form the plural.

Add *-es* to nouns that end in *s*, *sh*, *ch*, and *x* to form the plural.

➤ Write *singular* or *plural* for each underlined noun.

1. This huge book has over 400 pages. _____
2. After her run, Jessie drank two glasses of water. _____
3. My brother and I surprised our mom with a cake for her birthday.

➤ Write the plural form of the noun in parentheses to complete the sentence.

4. I can't wait to open these _____ that came from my grandparents. (box)
5. Tony ate an entire bowl of _____. (peanut)

➤ Revisit your piece of writing. Edit the draft to make sure all plural nouns are used correctly.

Connect to Writing: Using Plural Nouns with **-s** and **-es**

▸ Read the selection and choose the best answer to each question.

Read the following paragraph about a boy looking for a lost book. Look for any revisions that should be made. Then answer the questions that follow.

(1) One day, Marshall went looking for his favorite book about dinosaurs. (2) It was not where he thought it would be. (3) First, he looked on all the shelves on his bookcase. (4) Then he went through the boxes in his closet. (5) He was about to give up, when he saw a book peeking out from under his bed. (6) Of course, it was his favorite dinosaur book!

1. What change should be made to sentence 3?

- A. Change *shelves* to *shelvs*.
- B. Change *shelves* to *shelfes*.
- C. Change *shelves* to *shelvs*.
- D. Make no change.

2. What change should be made to sentence 4?

- A. Change *boxs* to *boxies*.
- B. Change *boxs* to *boxes*.
- C. Change *boxs* to *boxses*.
- D. Make no change.

▸ What is your favorite book about? Write two or three sentences about it.
