

# Lesson 30

## Singular and Plural Nouns

The following chart shows how to change **singular nouns** into **plural nouns**.

Noun	Plural Form	Examples
Most nouns	Add -s	ship, ships nose, noses
Nouns ending in a consonant and -y	Change the -y to -i, and add -es	sky, skies navy, navies
Nouns ending in -o	Add -es or -s	hero, heroes solo, solos
Most nouns ending in -f or -fe	Change the -f or -fe to -ves	half, halves
Most nouns ending in -ch, -sh, -s, or -x	Add -es	bench, benches bush, bushes loss, losses tax, taxes
Many two-word or three-word compound nouns	Add -s to the principle word	son-in-law, sons-in-law
Nouns with the same form in the singular and plural	No change	sheep
Nouns that are exceptions to the rules		woman, women

### A. Fill in the blank with the plural form of the word in parentheses.

- (knife) These are dull \_\_\_\_\_.
- (dish) That restaurant on Queen Street serves tasty \_\_\_\_\_.
- (country) What \_\_\_\_\_ are in Central America?
- (deer) There are many \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.
- (piano) These \_\_\_\_\_ came from Germany.
- (fly) How many \_\_\_\_\_ did you kill?
- (hose) There are two \_\_\_\_\_ in the garage.
- (fax) Did you send the \_\_\_\_\_ to the office?
- (wrench) The store carries many types of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (tomato) Do you like fried \_\_\_\_\_?
- (calf) Please help feed the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (mother-in-law) Both \_\_\_\_\_ came to their New Year's brunch.
- (piece) How many \_\_\_\_\_ of cake did you eat?
- (family) Several \_\_\_\_\_ gathered for a barbecue.
- (branch) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree were damaged by the storm.
- (video) The store on the corner sells CDs and \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Write the correct plural form for each singular noun. Note that some nouns are exceptions to the rules.**

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| 1. piglet _____    | 16. church _____   |
| 2. hobo _____      | 17. elf _____      |
| 3. duck _____      | 18. desk _____     |
| 4. chef _____      | 19. man _____      |
| 5. lunch _____     | 20. sheep _____    |
| 6. collector _____ | 21. wife _____     |
| 7. tragedy _____   | 22. pony _____     |
| 8. echo _____      | 23. banjo _____    |
| 9. niece _____     | 24. tree _____     |
| 10. floor _____    | 25. sight _____    |
| 11. hand _____     | 26. watch _____    |
| 12. county _____   | 27. city _____     |
| 13. mouse _____    | 28. spoonful _____ |
| 14. carriage _____ | 29. nation _____   |
| 15. wish _____     | 30. dome _____     |

**C. Rewrite the sentences, changing each underlined singular noun to a plural noun.**

1. The hero saved the child from the burning building. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dan took five photo of the reindeer. \_\_\_\_\_
3. They travelled to several country during their vacation. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Put the fish you catch into the wooden box. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Tell us the story of the wolf who roamed the woods. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Her son-in-law and brother attended the ceremony. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The man ate the cherry and the peach. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The book fell from the shelf. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The builder made the house from brick. \_\_\_\_\_
10. What legend did the elder tell? \_\_\_\_\_