**Singular and plural nouns**

A singular noun ending in **s, x, z, ch, sh** makes the plural by adding**-es**.

**Examples**

| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| --- | --- |
| bus | buses |
| wish | wishes |
| pitch | pitches |
| box | boxes |

A singular noun ending in a consonant and then **y** makes the plural by dropping the y and adding**-ies**.

**Examples**

| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| --- | --- |
| penny | pennies |
| spy | spies |
| baby | babies |
| city | cities |
| daisy | daisies |

**Irregular nouns**

There are some irregular noun plurals. The most common ones are listed below.

**Examples**

| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| --- | --- |
| woman | women |
| man | men |
| child | children |
| tooth | teeth |
| foot | feet |
| person | people |
| leaf | leaves |
| mouse | mice |
| goose | geese |
| half | halves |
| knife | knives |
| wife | wives |
| life | lives |
| elf | elves |
| loaf | loaves |
| potato | potatoes |
| tomato | tomatoes |
| cactus | cacti |
| focus | foci |
| fungus | fungi |
| nucleus | nuclei |
| syllabus | syllabi/syllabuses |
| analysis | analyses |
| diagnosis | diagnoses |
| oasis | oases |
| thesis | theses |
| crisis | crises |
| phenomenon | phenomena |
| criterion | criteria |
| datum | data |

Some nouns have the same form in the singular and the plural.

**Examples**

| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| --- | --- |
| sheep | sheep |
| fish | fish |
| deer | deer |
| species | species |
| aircraft | aircraft |