

English Grammar: Adjectives are never plural

Adjectives in English are never plural. Here are some examples:

- I have three **black** cats.
- There are many **incredible** students in the class.
- I need two new **toothbrushes**. (= *brush for teeth*)
- We need to buy **order** management software. (= *software for the management of orders*)
- The police use a **face** recognition system. (= *a system for the recognition of faces*)
- I live in a **ten-floor** building. (*I live in a building which has ten floors.*)
- We have a **six-year-old** son. (*We have a son who is six years old.*)
- It's a **two-person** job. (*The job requires two people.*)
- China has a **two-child** family policy. (*Families can have only two children.*)
- It's a **twelve-hour flight** from Rio to London. (*The flight is twelve hours long.*)

Also, if numbers are used before a noun, they are used without 's':

- We have **two hundred** pigs.
- The city has **ten million** inhabitants.

However, when we use approximate quantities, we can use 's':

- We have **hundreds of** pigs.
- The city has **millions of** inhabitants.

Exercise 1. Complete the following with appropriate adjectives:

1. I have two _____ daughters.
2. My cat has very _____ claws.
3. Our teacher always gives us _____ tests.
4. Our company produces _____ products.
5. The zoo has many _____ animals.

Exercise 2. Change the sentences to use singular adjectives:

1. I need a new case for pencils. _____ *I need a new pencil case.* _____
2. He is a man with two faces. _____
3. We are building a pool which is twenty meters. _____
4. He is an athlete of two meters. _____
5. The school has 36 classrooms (use "dozens"). _____