

English Grammar – Plurals

Add 'es' (ends 's', 'x', 'h', 'o')	Change 'y to 'ies'	Change 'f/fe' to 'ves'	Change 'is' to 'es'	Change 'on/um' to 'a'	Change 'us' to 'i'	Change 'x' to 'ces'
bus(es), kiss(es) box(es), tax(es) dash(es), church(es) potato(es), mosquito(es)	strategy / strategies story / stories ability / abilities family / families baby / babies	wife / wives knife / knives shelf / shelves thief / thieves life / lives half / halves leaf / leaves wolf / wolves	crisis / crises analysis / analyses thesis / theses axis / axes basis / bases synopsis / synopses oasis / oases	datum / data medium / media bacterium / bacteria curriculum / curricula criterion / criteria phenomenon / phenomena stadium / stadia referendum / referenda minimum / minima agendum / agenda addendum / addenda	nucleus / nuclei syllabus / syllabi focus / foci fungus / fungi cactus / cacti radius / radii stimulus / stimuli	matrix / matrices index / indices vortex / vortices
<u>Exceptions:</u> <i>memos, cellos, stereos, bobsleighs, euros</i>	<u>Exceptions:</u> <i>vowel before 'y' (boys, days, buoys)</i>	<u>Exceptions:</u> <i>beliefs, chiefs, dwarfs, gulfs, proofs, roofs</i>				

<u>No change</u>	<u>Word changes</u>	<u>Always with 's' but singular</u>	<u>Always plural</u>
fish sheep deer moose aircraft	tooth / teeth foot / feet goose / geese man / men woman / women mouse / mice louse / lice die / dice child / children person / people penny / pence ox / oxen octopus / octopodes	ethics optics physics politics economics gymnastics mathematics statistics news series	trousers, pants, knickers, panties, briefs scissors pliers crossroads glasses, sunglasses binoculars headphones clothes stairs, upstairs, downstairs

Recommended video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rhxeDlnKu8> (12 mins)

Exercise 1. Write the plurals.		Exercise 2. Countable/Uncountable. If a word is countable, write the plural. If not, don't.
onion	fish	tea
tax	foot	cup of tea
loss	sheep	biscuit
torch	child	beer
inventory	tooth	bottle of beer
anniversary	person	honey
colleague	man	money
millennium	woman	euro
wolf	matrix	dollar
leaf	louse	crisp
ellipsis		meal
volcano		meat
synthesis		cheese
desk		flour
criterion		packet of flour
trainee		juice

Crazy English plurals!

We'll begin with box, and the plural is boxes;
But the plural of ox is oxen, not oxes.

Then one bird is goose, but two are called geese,
And the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a nice mouse or lots of nice mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

I speak of my foot and show you my feet,
If I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three may be those,
But the plural of hat would never be hose;

We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren.

So English, I think, you all will agree,
Is the craziest language you ever will see!