

NOUNS (3)

The Plural of Nouns (01) - Part A: Easy (1)

In Context

10 min

What is a noun?

A noun is a word that is a person, an animal, a place, an object or an idea.



woman



cat



city



umbrella



communication

What is the plural of a noun?

It is 2, 3, 4, etc. It is not 0 or 1. It is more than 1.



2 cats



3 bananas

Forming a Noun in the Plural

15 min

To form the plural, we write an 's' at the end of a word.

Examples:

car → *cars*

shoe → *shoes*

bed → *beds*

For words ending in -ch, sh, x, s, we write 'es' at the end in the plural.

Examples:

watch → *watches*

wish → *wishes*

box → *boxes*

glass → *glasses*

With words ending in a consonant and a 'y', we change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'.

Examples:

baby → *babies*

theory → *theories*

lady → *ladies*

There are several nouns that have irregular plural forms.

Examples:

child → *children*

man → *men*

woman → *women*

person → *people*

Language Tip: Pronunciation of Plurals

5 min

When we speak, there are 3 plural sounds: "s", "z", and "iz".

Examples:

cats ("s")

dogs ("z")

distances("iz")

Writing Exercise

5 min

Choose the correct plural.

1. They work for different _____. (companys/companies)
2. I can see two _____. (men/mans)
3. My _____go to Australia.(sisters/sisteres)
4. _____generally like flowers.(Womans/Women)
5. Mrs. Smith buys _____at the market.(bananas/bananies)
6. How many _____do you have? (children/childs)
7. There are six _____in the room. (person/people)
8. Susan has two _____. (babies/babys)
9. My friend loves _____.(cates/cats)
10. They have very nice _____ (watchs/watches).

Listening Exercise

2-5 min

Listen to your teacher pronounce the following words.

1. boxes
2. consequences
3. dogs
4. cats
5. watches

Writing Exercise with the Instructor

2-5 min

Listen to your teacher pronounce the following words again and write them.

1. boxes
2. consequences
3. dogs
4. cats
5. watches

Reading Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

Read these words to your teacher.

1. reflexes
2. distances
3. bananas
4. shirts
5. churches

Watch the Video!

10 min

With this video, you practice the plural of nouns ending in -y.

Watch the video:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3hauKI7g&feature=relmfu

Watch it again and repeat the examples after the speaker.

Put these sentences in their plural form:

Example:

My baby is 3 months old.

My _____ 3 months old. → My *babies are* 3 months old.

1. I go to a party on December 31st.

I go to two _____ on December 31st.

2. I eat a berry.

I eat two _____.

3. There is a family in the picnic area.

There _____ two _____ in the picnic area.

4. She is a lady.

_____.

Quiz

5 min

True or False?

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| 1. The plural is used when we have 1 or 2 things. | true | false |
| 2. All nouns take an 's' at the end in the plural. | true | false |
| 3. Some nouns have an irregular plural. | true | false |
| 4. The plural of 'man' is 'men'. | true | false |

Match the word to the correct plural sound:

1. houses	a. s
2. cars	b. z
3. rats	c. iz

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Write the nouns in the plural:

1. woman: _____
2. lady: _____
3. child: _____
4. table: _____
5. glass: _____