

RULES FOR PLURAL NOUNS

For most nouns, simply add -s

car – cars

cat – cats

house – houses

student – students

bag – bags

book – books

table – tables

horse – horses

place – places

**For nouns ending in -s, -ss, -ch, -x, -z, or -o,
add -es**

bus - buses

boss - bosses

coach - coaches

box - boxes

buzz - buzzes

potato - potatoes

***Exception:** With nouns ending with -s or -z, the last letter may be doubled before adding -es.

gas – gasses

quiz – quizzes

***Exception:** With nouns ending in -o, at times you simply add -s

photo – photos

piano – pianos

taco – tacos

**For nouns ending in -f or -fe,
change the ending to -ves**

wolf - wolves

scarf - scarves

knife - knives

***Exception:**

At times a noun ending with -f will not change
and simply take -s

roof - roofs

chef - chefs

**For nouns ending in a consonant followed by -y,
change the ending to -ies**

city - cities

sky - skies

puppy - puppies

***Note:**

If the final -y is preceded by a vowel,
simply add -s

day - days

joy - joys

boy - boys

**For nouns ending with -us,
the plural ending is often -i**

cactus - cacti

octopus - octopi

focus - foci

**For nouns ending with -is,
the plural ending is -es**

crisis - crises

analysis - analyses

ellipsis - ellipses

**For nouns ending with -on,
the plural ending is -a**

criterion - criteria

phenomenon - phenomena

Some nouns don't change at all

sheep - sheep

series - series

offspring - offspring

deer – deer

fish - fish

moose - moose

shrimp - shrimp

tuna - tuna

You will need to memorize these nouns

man - men

woman - women

child - children

person - people

foot - feet

tooth - teeth

goose - geese

mouse - mice

dice - die