

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### JSS 2

### WEEK 2

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### GRAMMAR: Plural Formation

1. A noun is any word that refers to a person, place, thing, or an animal. If a noun refers to just one person, animal, place, or thing, it is singular. However, if it refers to two or more persons, animals, places, or things, it is plural. Plural nouns are words used to indicate that there is more than one person, animal, place, thing, or idea.

2. Plural nouns are formed in the following ways:

A. By adding -s at the end of regular nouns. Examples:

SINGULAR NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS
Cat	Cats
Book	Books
Market	Markets
Teacher	Teachers
Chief	Chiefs
Event	Events
Bridge	Bridges etc.

B. By adding -es at the end of words ending in ch, sh, x, s, o. Examples:

SINGULAR NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS
Grass	Grasses
Bench	Benches
Fox	Foxes
Dish	Dishes
Hero	Heroes
Gas	Gases
Address	Addresses etc.

C. By adding -s to some words ending in o. Examples:

SINGULAR	PLURAL
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Bamboo	Bamboos
Kilo	Kilos
Logo	Logos
Piano	Pianos
Photo	Photos
Radio	Radios
Portfolio	Portfolios etc.

D. By adding –s to words ending in y. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Boy	Boys
Kidney	Kidneys
Valley	Valleys
Holiday	Holidays
Chimney	Chimneys
Key	Keys
Donkey	Donkeys etc.

E. By changing –y to ies. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Activity	Activities
Apology	Apologies
Army	Armies
Baby	Babies
Canopy	Canopies
Celebrity	Celebrities
Memory	Memories etc.

F. By adding –s to some words ending in f. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Belief	Beliefs
Roof	Roofs
Proof	Proofs
Tariff	Tariffs
Cliff	Cliffs

Chief	Chiefs etc.
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G. By changing f or fe to ves. Examples.

Calf	Calves
Knife	Knives
Leaf	Leaves
Thief	Thieves
Life	Lives
Wife	Wives
Self	Selves
Half	Halves etc.

H. By changing some vowels. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Goose	Geese
Diagnosis	Diagnoses
Louse	Lice
Woman	Women
Ox	Oxen
Mouse	Mice
Thesis	Theses etc.

I. Some nouns with two plurals. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Dwarf	Dwarfs or dwarves
memorandum	Memorandums or memoranda
Aquarium	Aquariums or aquaria
Formula	Formulas or formulae
Fungus	Fungi or funguses
stadium	Stadiums or stadia
syllabus	Syllabuses or syllabi etc.

J. Some nouns remain the same. Examples:

<b>SINGULAR NOUNS</b>	<b>PLURAL NOUNS</b>
Swine	Swine
salmon	Salmon
Police	Police

Deer	Deer
Spices	Spices
Barracks	Barracks
Aircraft	Aircraft etc.

### HOME WORK

Write out the plural forms of the given words below.

#### **SINGULAR NOUNS**

#### **PLURAL NOUNS**

1. Chair
2. Cheque
3. Bus
4. Patch
5. Micro
6. Cargo
7. Puppy
8. Oasis
9. Wolf
10. Public