

Lesson 7. Singular and Plural Nouns

1. To change nouns from **singular** (one) to **plural** (more than one), add **-s** to the end of most words. goat – **goats**
broom – **brooms**

2. To change nouns that end in **s, ss, sh, ch, x**, and sometimes **o**, from singular (one) to plural (more than one), add **-es**. bus – **buses**
dress – **dresses**
dish – **dishes**
lunch – **lunches**
fox – **foxes**
hero – **heroes**

3. To change nouns that end in a consonant and **y** from singular to plural, change the **y** to **i** and add **-es**. candy – **candies**

4. To change nouns that end in a vowel and **y** from singular to plural, add **-s**. monkey – **monkeys**

5. Some nouns change completely when they become plural. foot – **feet**
mouse – **mice**
child – **children**

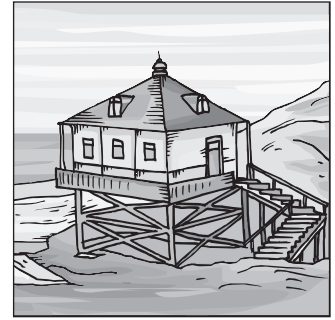
6. Some nouns do not change at all from singular to plural. deer – **deer**
fish – **fish**

Read the paragraphs and correct the singular/plural errors.

47. Mellow Munching

① ② ③ ④ Singular/Plural

There are many good beaches in our area. My Uncle Mel lives in one of the house on the beach. His father and grandfather were builder and they built the house long ago. Uncle Mel watches the ocean wave from his front porch. We eat our lunches and drink glass of lemonade on the porch.



48. Helping Out

① ② ③ ④ Singular/Plural

All three second grade class in our school spent one Saturday helping older people with their yards. Each class was given two addresses to visit. We took box to put the weeds and clippings from the bush in. One home had morning glory all over the house that we had to tear out.



49. Gardens in Canada

① ② ③ ④ Singular/Plural

Many large city in Canada have beautiful garden. They grow all kinds of flowers like daisy and pansies. Country gardens have flowers, vegetables, fruits, and berry. Some owners sell these to the public.



Answers

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There are many good beaches in our area. My Uncle Mel lives in one of the **houses**¹ on the beach. His father and grandfather were **builders**² and they built the house long ago. Uncle Mel watches the ocean **waves**³ from his front porch. We eat our lunches and drink **glasses**⁴ of lemonade on the porch.

1. houses – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -s.
2. builders – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -s.
3. waves – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -s .
4. glasses – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -es.

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All three second grade **classes**¹ in our school spent one Saturday helping older people with their yards. Each class was given two addresses to visit. We took **boxes**² to put the weeds and clippings from the **bushes**³ in. One home had morning **glories**⁴ all over the house that we had to tear out.

1. classes – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -es.
2. boxes – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -es.
3. bushes – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -es.
4. glories – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so change the y to i and add -es.

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Many large **cities**¹ in Canada have beautiful **gardens**². They grow all kinds of flowers like **daisies**³ and pansies. Country gardens have flowers, vegetables, fruits, and **berries**⁴. Some owners sell these to the public.

1. cities – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so change the y to i and add -es.
2. gardens – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so add -s.
3. daisies – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so change the y to i and add -es.
4. berries – Singular/Plural: It should be a plural noun, so change the y to i and add -es.