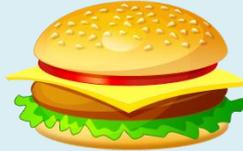


## Spelling Plural Nouns

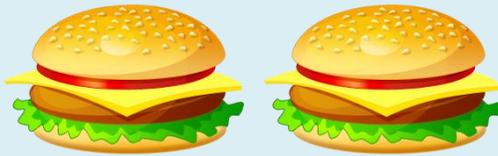
Remember: A **singular noun** names a **single** person, place, thing, or idea.

Example: Suzie gobbled up her cheeseburger.



A **plural noun** names **more than one** person, place, thing, or idea.

Example: Eddie devoured two cheeseburgers.



Study the guidelines for spelling plural nouns:

1- For most nouns: add an *s*.

vase -- vases ; elephant -- elephants ; monkey -- monkeys

2- For nouns that end in *ch*, *s*, *sh*, *z*, or *x*: add *es*.

lunch -- lunches ; box -- boxes

3- For nouns that end in *consonant-y*: change the *y* to *i* and add *es*.

baby -- babies ; city -- cities

4- For most nouns that end in *f* or *fe*: change the *f* or *fe* to *ve* and add *s*.

leaf -- leaves ; elf - elves

Some exceptions: chef -- chefs ; roof -- roofs

5- For most nouns that end in *vowel-o*: add *s*.

radio -- radios

For most nouns that end in *consonant-o*: add *es*.

tomato -- tomatoes

Some exceptions: solo -- solos ; piano -- pianos

6- Some plural nouns are spelled the same as their singular forms.

sheep -- sheep

7- Some plural nouns are spelled very differently from their singular forms.

child -- children

8- For compound words, make the most significant word plural.

brother-in-law -- brothers-in-law

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Now you try it! Change the following singular nouns to their plural form:

1- kitten \_\_\_\_\_

2- religion \_\_\_\_\_

3- turkey \_\_\_\_\_

4- leash \_\_\_\_\_

5- bus \_\_\_\_\_

6- cherry \_\_\_\_\_

7- family \_\_\_\_\_

8- shelf \_\_\_\_\_

9- knife \_\_\_\_\_

10- reef \_\_\_\_\_

11- ratio \_\_\_\_\_

12- potato \_\_\_\_\_

13- silo \_\_\_\_\_

14- salmon \_\_\_\_\_

15- deer \_\_\_\_\_

16- maid of honor \_\_\_\_\_

17- sister-in-law \_\_\_\_\_

18- ox \_\_\_\_\_

19- woman \_\_\_\_\_

20- mouse \_\_\_\_\_



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- 18- oxen
- 19- women
- 20- mice

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