

# Plural nouns with 's', 'es', and 'ies'

## Construction

The plural ending of a noun is usually **s** but it is sometimes **es**, **ies**, or irregular.

Singular noun = **1** telephone



Plural noun = **2** telephones.



## Irregular endings

	Singular	Plural	Comments
<b>en ending</b>	child man woman	children men women	
<b>o</b>	tomato potato volcano	tomatoes potatoes volcanoes	Words of foreign origin, including Italian words, often take 's' not 'es':  photos zeros pianos porticos scenarios

<b>Others</b>	<b>person</b> <b>mouse</b> <b>penny [£]</b> <b>penny [\$]</b>	<b>people</b> <b>mice</b> <b>pence/pennies [£]</b> <b>pennies [\$]</b>	<b>In the UK, 'pence'</b> <b>= an amount of</b> <b>money and</b> <b>'pennies' =</b> <b>individual coins.</b>  <b>The plural of a</b> <b>computer mouse</b> <b>can be 'mouses' or</b> <b>'mice'.</b>
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## Pronunciation

It is important to pronounce the **s** or **es**.

<b>/s/ sound after soft consonants</b>  <b>[no extra syllable]</b>	<b>/z/ sound after hard consonants and vowel sounds</b>  <b>[no extra syllable]</b>	<b>/ɪz/ sound after /s/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, z, /ks/ and /dʒ/</b>  <b>[This adds an extra syllable.]</b>	<b>Change y to i and add es when noun ends in a consonant and y</b>  <b>[no extra syllable]</b>
reports    shops t-shirts    trips streets    books students    weeks	managers    bags years        dogs holidays    balls boys         pens friends      roads	offices [sɪz] wishes [fɪz] watches [tʃɪz] houses [zɪz] pages [dʒɪz] faxes [ksɪz]	lady lady + i + es = ladies story                    stories  city                      cities baby                     babies fly                        flies

## Examples

One book



Ten books



One chair



Five chairs



One box



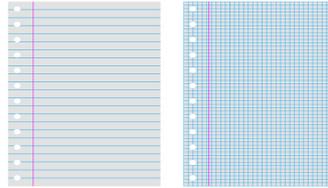
Two boxes



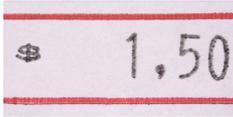
One page



Two pages



One price



Three prices



One puppy



Two puppies



One strawberry



Nine strawberries



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