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Making Words

Plural

Add **S**

Most of the time, just add **s**.

scoop + s = scoops

cone + s = cones

If you hear the sound of /iz/ at the end of a plural word, use **es**.

Add **ES**

If you hear the sound of /ɪz/ at the end of a plural word, use **es**.

dish + es = dishes
dress + es = dresses
box + es = boxes
branch + es = branches

This happens when a word ends in **s**, **x**, **sh**, or **ch**.

Add ES

**Words
Ending
in Y**

If the word ends in a **consonant** plus **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **es**.

cherry - y + i + es = cherries
puppy - y + i + es = puppies

If the word ends in a **vowel** plus **y** (such as **ay**, **ey**, **oy**), just add **s**.

day + s = days
monkey + s = monkeys

**Words
Ending
in O**

If the word ends in a **vowel** plus **o**, add **s**.

pistachio + s = pistachios
stereo + s = stereos

If the word ends in a **consonant** plus **o**, add **s** or **es**.
(Consult a dictionary if needed.)

hero + es = heroes
piano + s = pianos

**Words
Ending in
F or FE**

In most words ending in **f** or **fe**,

F O I F

In most words ending in **f** or **fe**,
change the **f** or **fe** to **v** and add **es**.

loaf - **f** + **v** + **es** = **loaves**

knife - **fe** + **v** + **es** = **knives**

Some words ending in **f** don't change, such as the
word *chefs*. For words ending in **ff**, just add **s**
as in *puffs* and *cliffs*.

Irregular Plurals

Some words don't follow the
regular patterns for making plurals.
These are called irregular plurals.

child / children **tooth / teeth**
goose / geese **mouse / mice**

Some words stay the same
whether they are singular or plural.

ice
deer

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