

## NOUNS (3)

### The Plural of Nouns (01) - Part A: Easy (1)

#### In Context

10 min

What is a noun?

A noun is a word that is a person, an animal, a place, an object or an idea.



woman



cat



city



umbrella



communication

What is the plural of a noun?

It is 2, 3, 4, etc. It is not 0 or 1. It is more than 1.



2 cats



3 bananas

## Forming a Noun in the Plural

15 min

To form the plural, we write an 's' at the end of a word.

### Examples:

car → *cars*

shoe → *shoes*

bed → *beds*

For words ending in -ch, sh, x, s, we write 'es' at the end in the plural.

### Examples:

watch → *watches*

wish → *wishes*

box → *boxes*

glass → *glasses*

With words ending in a consonant and a 'y', we change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'.

### Examples:

baby → *babies*

theory → *theories*

lady → *ladies*

There are several nouns that have irregular plural forms.

### Examples:

child → *children*

man → *men*

woman → *women*

person → *people*

## Language Tip: Pronunciation of Plurals

5 min

When we speak, there are 3 plural sounds: "s", "z", and "iz".

### Examples:

cats ("s")

dogs ("z")

distances ("iz")

## Writing Exercise

5 min

Choose the correct plural.

1. They work for different \_\_\_\_\_. (companys/companies)
2. I can see two \_\_\_\_\_. (men/mans)
3. My \_\_\_\_\_ go to Australia. (sisters/sisteres)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ generally like flowers. (Womans/Women)
5. Mrs. Smith buys \_\_\_\_\_ at the market. (bananas/bananies)
6. How many \_\_\_\_\_ do you have? (children/childs)
7. There are six \_\_\_\_\_ in the room. (person/people)
8. Susan has two \_\_\_\_\_. (babies/babys)
9. My friend loves \_\_\_\_\_. (cates/cats)
10. They have very nice \_\_\_\_\_ (watchs/watches).

## Listening Exercise

2-5 min

Listen to your teacher pronounce the following words.

1. boxes
2. consequences
3. dogs
4. cats
5. watches

### Writing Exercise with the Instructor

2-5 min

**Listen to your teacher pronounce the following words again and write them.**

1. boxes
2. consequences
3. dogs
4. cats
5. watches

### Reading Exercise with the Instructor

5 min

**Read these words to your teacher.**

1. reflexes
2. distances
3. bananas
4. shirts
5. churches

## Watch the Video!

10 min

With this video, you practice the plural of nouns ending in -y.

Watch the video:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_3hauKIfi7g&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_3hauKIfi7g&feature=relmfu)

Watch it again and repeat the examples after the speaker.

Put these sentences in their plural form:

Example:

My baby is 3 months old.

My \_\_\_\_\_ 3 months old. → My *babies are* 3 months old.

1. I go to a party on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

I go to two \_\_\_\_\_ on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

2. I eat a berry.

I eat two \_\_\_\_\_.

3. There is a family in the picnic area.

There \_\_\_\_\_ two \_\_\_\_\_ in the picnic area.

4. She is a lady.

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Quiz

5 min

### True or False?

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|--|------|-------|
| 1. The plural is used when we have 1 or 2 things.  | true | false |
| 2. All nouns take an 's' at the end in the plural. | true | false |
| 3. Some nouns have an irregular plural.            | true | false |
| 4. The plural of 'man' is 'men'.                   | true | false |

### Match the word to the correct plural sound:

1. houses	a. s
2. cars	b. z
3. rats	c. iz

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Write the nouns in the plural:

1. woman: \_\_\_\_\_
2. lady: \_\_\_\_\_
3. child: \_\_\_\_\_
4. table: \_\_\_\_\_
5. glass: \_\_\_\_\_