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Plural nouns



	SINGULAR	PLURAL
+ -s With most nouns we add -s to make them plural:	shop tyre kilo song egg cat judge book	shops tyres kilos songs eggs cats judges books



	SINGULAR	PLURAL
+ -es With nouns that end with -s, -ss, -sh, -ch and -x we add -es:	bus dress glass wish dish beach match box tax	buses dresses glasses wishes dishes beaches matches boxes taxes



	SINGULAR	PLURAL
+ -es With some nouns that end with -o, we add -es:	tomato potato	tomatoes potatoes
-f/-fe > -ves We change -f/-fe to -ves in the plural: (but roof > roofs)	thief shelf leaf life half	thieves shelves leaves lives halves



	SINGULAR	PLURAL
y > -ies With nouns that end with a consonant + -y, we change the -y to -ies:	story copy lorry	stories copies lorries

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
Irregular nouns	tooth child woman	teeth children women



A pocket guide to plural nouns and uncountable nouns

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You now have your pocket guide to plural nouns and uncountable nouns to take with you anywhere.

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Uncountable nouns

These are some common uncountable nouns:

ice, water, rain, snow, heat, noise, cotton, glass, petrol, money, luggage, information, work, homework, advice, news, meat, milk, butter, bread, marmalade, food, tea, coffee, sugar, toast, cheese

Uncountable nouns do not have a plural form:

petrol (NOT **petrols**)
bread (NOT **bread**s)

We cannot use **a/an** with an uncountable noun, but we can use **some/any, the, much** (NOT **many**), **such**, and **my/your/his** etc.:

a: I always have an egg, then **toast** and **marmalade** for breakfast.
some: I'd like **some** tea, please.
the: Look at **the** snow outside.
much: How **much** luggage have you got?
such: We've had **such** wonderful news.

Some nouns can be countable or uncountable:

I heard **a noise** from downstairs. (countable)
I can't sleep. The neighbours are making **so much noise**. (uncountable)

Some nouns that are uncountable in English are countable in other languages:

accommodation, advice, bread, cash, furniture, information, luggage, money, news, rubbish, travel, weather, work



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