

Making Words

Plural

Add S

Most of the time, just add **s**.
scoop + s = scoops
cone + s = cones

Add ES

If you hear the sound of /iz/ 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**.

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**, 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