

Plurals and Pronunciation

Many words in English form their plural form by adding an “s” on the end of the word.

Singular (1)

Plural (2+)



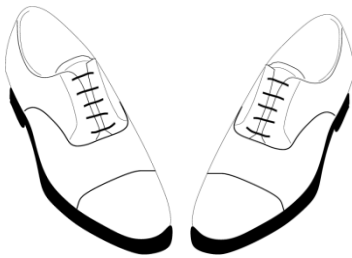
Boy



Boys



Shoe



Shoes

Sometimes the “s” is pronounced with a hissing, “snake” sound:



Sssssssss

The word “Cats” is pronounced “Cats(ssss)”

Other times, the “s” is pronounced with a buzzing, “bee” sound:



Zzzzzzzzz

The word “Dogs” is pronounced “Dogz(zzzz).”

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”Regular” plurals- just add “s”

Singular (1)

Room
Rat
Apple
Pen
Pencil
Radio
Map
Cat
Dog
Elephant
Goat
Hat
Jar
King
Lion
Nest
Pig
Queen
Rainbow
Tree
Umbrella
Violin
Zebra

Plural (2+)

Rooms (Zzzz)
Rats (Ssss)
Apples (Zzzz)
Pens (Zzzz)
Pencils (Zzzz)
Radios (Zzzz)
Maps (Ssss)
Cats (Ssss)
Dogs (Zzzz)
Elephants (Ssss)
Goats (Ssss)
Hats (Ssss)
Jars (Zzzz)
Kings (Zzzz)
Lions (Zzzz)
Nests (Ssss)
Pigs (Zzzz)
Queens (Zzzz)
Rainbows (Zzzz)
Trees (Zzzz)
Umbrellas (Zzzz)
Violins (Zzzz)
Zebras (Zzzz)

Some words that end in “y” make a plural by replacing the “y” with “ies”:

Singular (1)

Baby
Party
Patty
Fly
Country
City

Plural (2+)

Babies (Zzzz)
Parties (Zzzz)
Patties (Zzzz)
Flies (Zzzz)
Countries (Zzzz)
Cities (Zzzz)

Other words have plural forms that are very different than the singular:

Singular (1)

Man
Goose
Woman
Child
Mouse
Cactus

Plural (2+)

Men
Geese
Women
Children
Mice
Cacti

There are a few words where the singular and plural are the same:

Singular (1)

Sheep
Aircraft
Fish

Plural (2+)

Sheep
Aircraft
Fish (or fishes)