

SINGULAR & PLURAL NOUNS

REGULAR PLURALS

- We normally form plural nouns by adding **-s** to the singular noun.

book > *books*

car > *cars*

student > *students*

- We add **-es** if the singular noun ends in **-s**, **-sh**, **-ch** or **-x**.

bus > *buses*

dish > *dishes*

church > *churches*

box > *boxes*

- Some nouns ending in **-o** add **-es** to form the plural::

tomato > *tomatoes*

potato > *potatoes*

hero > *heroes*

Other nouns ending in **-o**, add **-s** only:

piano > *pianos*

radio > *radios*

- Nouns ending in **consonant + -y**, change the **-y** into **-i** and add **-ies**:

city > *cities*

baby > *babies*

family > *families*

country > *countries*

IRREGULAR PLURALS

- Most nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** take away the **-f/-fe** and add **-ves**.

<i>half</i> > <i>halves</i>	<i>wife</i> > <i>wives</i>
<i>finish</i> > <i>finished</i>	<i>life</i> > <i>lives</i>
<i>thief</i> > <i>thieves</i>	<i>knife</i> > <i>knives</i>

- Some nouns do not add **-s** or **-es** in the plural:

<i>man</i> > <i>men</i>
<i>woman</i> > <i>women</i>
<i>child</i> > <i>children</i>
<i>person</i> > <i>people</i>
<i>tooth</i> > <i>teeth</i>
<i>foot</i> > <i>feet</i>
<i>mouse</i> > <i>mice</i>
<i>sheep</i> > <i>sheep</i>
<i>fish</i> > <i>fish</i>

EXERCISES

1.- PLURALS.

Write the plurals of these words:

1. CHAIR _____

2. CUP _____

3. GLASS _____

4. BOOK _____

5. WATCH _____

6. FLAT _____

7. PEN _____

8. BED _____

9. DOG _____

10. ROOM _____

11. KNIFE _____

12. DISH _____

13. CITY _____

14. OFFICE _____

15. DESK _____

16. BOX _____

17. CHURCH _____

18. WIFE _____

19. FOX _____

20. KISS _____

2.- PARTS OF THE BODY:

Write the plural of these parts of the body:

1. EYE _____

2. LEG _____

3. FOOT _____

4. HAND _____

5. EAR _____

6. ARM _____

7. TOOTH _____

8. KNEE _____

9. FINGER _____

10. HEAD _____

3.- ANIMALS:

Write the plural of these animals:

1. HORSE _____
3. MOUSE _____
5. CAT _____
7. TURTLE _____
9. FOX _____

2. ZEBRA _____
4. LION _____
6. GOLDFISH _____
8. SHEEP _____
10. WHALE _____

4.- PLURALS.

Tick (✓) the correct plural forms and cross out (✗) the wrong ones.

knives	✓	tooths	matches	wishes
matchs	✗	citys	cities	men
countries		potatoes	teeth	familys
dishs		tomatos	mouses	wifes
wives		potatos	countrys	tomatoes
mans		nice	knifes	families

5.- PLURALS.

Complete the sentences with the plurals of the nouns in brackets.

1. I like _____ and _____. (orange/apple/peach/strawberry)
2. They have got four _____, two _____ and two _____. (child / girl / boy)
3. When he fell over, he broke two of his _____. (tooth)
4. Do you know those _____ over there?. (person)
5. We have got some _____ and _____, but we haven't got any _____. (egg / tomato / potato)