

# Rules for Plural Nouns

Add **s** to form the plural for most of your nouns:

Like this:

dog → dogs  
banana → bananas



Add **es** to nouns that end in **s**, **x**, **z**, **ch** and **sh**:

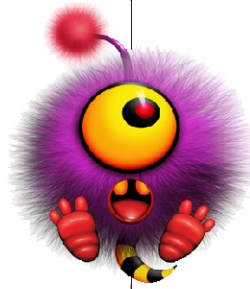
Like this:

bus → buses  
fox → foxes  
quiz → quizzes  
church → churches  
bush → bushes

For nouns that end in **y** with a consonant before the **y**, change the **y** to an **i** and add **es**:

Like this:

pony → ponies  
baby → babies



For nouns that end in **y** with a vowel before the **y**, just add **s**:

Like this:

turkey → turkeys  
tray → trays

For nouns that end in **f** or **fe**, remove the **f** or **fe** and add **ves**:

Like this:

wolf → wolves  
knife → knives



For nouns that end with a consonant before an **o**, add **es**:

Like this:

mosquito → mosquitoes  
mango → mangoes

Some nouns change spelling when they become plural:

Like this:

tooth → teeth  
child → children



Some nouns do not change at all when they are in plural form:

Like this:

sheep → sheep  
fish → fish