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**TOPIC: NOUN NUMBER**

**HANDOUT**

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**Noun Number** – Noun number refers to the count of a Noun.

A noun standing for one person, place, animal or thing is called a **Singular Noun**.

**Examples:** a pen, a river, a butterfly, a star, a man.

A noun standing for more than one person, place, animal or thing is called a **Plural Noun**.

**Examples:** pens, rivers, butterflies, stars, men.

**RULES FOR FORMING PLURAL NOUNS**

**Rule 1: Add -s to most Nouns**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
student	students	park	parks
table	tables	pencil	pencils
garden	gardens	clock	clocks
doctor	doctors	friend	friends
letter	letters	camel	camels
stadium	stadiums	train	trains

**Rule 2: Nouns ending in -ch, -sh, -ss, -s, or -x add – es**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
watch	watches	bus	buses
brush	brushes	box	boxes
dish	dishes	fox	foxes
branch	branches	class	classes
dress	dresses	torch	torches
witch	witches	sandwich	sandwiches

**Exceptions: ox – oxen**

**Rule 3: Nouns ending in -o, add -es**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
tomato	tomatoes	hero	heroes
zero	zeroes	mosquito	mosquitoes
mango	mangoes	volcano	volcanoes
flamingo	flamingoes	buffalo	buffaloes

**Exceptions: photo – photos, piano – pianos, video – videos, radio – radios, kangaroo – kangaroos, zoo – zoos, kilo - kilos**

**Rule 4(a): Nouns ending in Consonant + y, change -y to -ies**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
story	stories	baby	babies
fairy	fairies	cherry	cherries
city	cities	puppy	puppies
country	countries	lady	ladies
trophy	trophies	library	libraries
factory	factories	lily	lilies

**Rule 4(b): Nouns ending in Vowel + y, add s**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
runway	runways	ray	rays
monkey	monkeys	chimney	chimneys
tray	trays	jersey	jerseys
valley	valleys	trolley	trolleys

**Rule 5: Nouns ending in -f or – fe change -f or -fe to -ves**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
leaf	leaves	knife	knives
wolf	wolves	loaf	loaves
shelf	shelves	calf	calves
thief	thieves	half	halves
bookshelf	bookshelves	wife	wives

**Exceptions: roof-roofs, chef-chefs, chief - chiefs, café-cafes**

**Rule: 6 Irregular Plural: Some Nouns do not follow any specific rules while changing in number. Few change the inside vowels.**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
child	children	foot	feet
man	men	tooth	teeth
woman	women	goose	geese
mouse	mice	person	people

**Rule: 7 Some Nouns don't change at all when they change to Plural.**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
sheep	sheep	deer	deer
furniture	furniture	money	money
water	water	salmon	salmon
bison	bison	aircraft	aircraft