



TOPIC: NOUN NUMBER

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Noun Number refers to the count of a **Noun** or a **Pronoun**.

- There are two types of **Noun Number**.
- They are **Singular Nouns** and **Plural Nouns**.

Singular Nouns -

The noun that stands for one person, place, animal or thing is said to be a Singular Noun.

Eg: boy, girl, school, elephant, table, etc.

Plural Nouns –

The noun that stands for more than one person, place, animal, or thing is said to be Plural Noun.

Eg: boys, girls, schools, elephants, tables, etc.

There are some rules to be followed when changing nouns from singular to plural form.

RULE-1 - by adding 's' to the Singular Nouns.

Some nouns form their plurals by adding 's' to the Singular Nouns.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
aunt	aunts
window	windows
table	tables
rose	roses
street	streets
plate	plates

RULE -2 - by adding 'es'

Nouns ending in s, ss, sh, ch, or x form their plurals by adding 'es' to the singular nouns.

SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
gas	gases	glass	glasses
class	classes	batch	batches
box	boxes	watch	watches
fox	foxes	bunch	bunches
brush	brushes	church	churches
bush	bushes	bus	buses

EXCEPTION: - ox – oxen, axis – axes

RULE-3 - by adding 'es'

Nouns ending in 'o' form their plurals by adding 'es' to the singular nouns.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
potato	potatoes
volcano	volcanoes
echo	echoes
mango	mangoes
hero	heroes
tomato	tomatoes

EXCEPTION: dynamo-dynamos, memento - mementos, radio-radios, photo-photos

RULE-4

If the nouns end in 'y' with a consonant before it, then they form their plurals by replacing 'y' with 'ies'.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
family	families
baby	babies
lady	ladies
army	armies
city	cities
fly	flies

If the nouns end in 'y' with a vowel before it, then they form their plurals by adding 's'.

Eg. valley-valleys, key-keys, chimney-chimneys

RULE-5 – by adding 'ves'

Some nouns ending in 'f' or 'fe' form their plurals by replacing 'f' or 'fe' with 'ves'.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
leaf	leaves
loaf	loaves
thief	thieves
wife	wives
shelf	shelves
knife	knives

EXCEPTION: chef-chefs, cafe-cafes, roof-roofs

RULE-6

Some nouns form plurals by changing the inside vowel of the singular word.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
man	men
woman	women
goose	geese
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
child	children
foot	feet

RULE-7

Some nouns do not change at all. They remain the same in their plural form.

SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
money	money	furniture	furniture
deer	deer	hair	hair
sheep	sheep	water	water