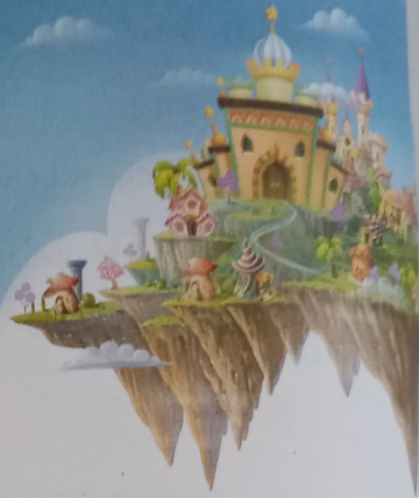


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Nouns

Number



Look at the following table.

A	B
The <i>teacher</i> corrected the <i>paper</i> .	The <i>teachers</i> corrected the <i>papers</i> .
The <i>buffalo</i> grazed in the <i>field</i> .	The <i>buffaloes</i> grazed in the <i>fields</i> .
The <i>guest</i> congratulated the <i>chef</i> .	The <i>guests</i> congratulated the <i>chefs</i> .

In column A, the words in red refer to a single person, place, animal or object. Such nouns are said to be in **singular form**. In column B, the words in red refer to more than one person, place, animal or object. Such nouns are said to be in **plural form**.

A noun is **singular** when it indicates only one person, place, animal or object. A noun is **plural** when it indicates more than one person, place, animal or object.

Examples:

Singular	Plural
This <i>house</i> has a beautiful <i>balcony</i> .	These <i>houses</i> have beautiful <i>balconies</i> .
Amit saw a <i>spider</i> on his <i>notebook</i> .	Amit saw two <i>spiders</i> on his <i>notebooks</i> .
The <i>girl</i> completed her <i>project</i> .	The <i>girls</i> completed their <i>projects</i> .

1. Underline the singular nouns and circle the plural nouns in the following sentences.

- The children have gone to the museum with their parents.
- Labonel is one of the best bakeries in town.
- The library is full of interesting books and journals.
- Kanishk has a box full of chocolates and candies.
- Can you lend me your car for three hours?



- (f) There is an apple and two pomegranates in the basket.
- (g) Some of the students had their answer sheets on their desks.
- (h) The king was surrounded by ten soldiers, yet a man shot him with an arrow.

Now, let us look at the following sentences.

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct plural form from brackets.

- (a) There are seven zeros (zeros/zeroses) in a crore.
- (b) The carpenter made two new shelves (shelves/shelves) to keep the books (books/books).
- (c) There are several studios (studios/studios) in the area to get your photos (photos/photos) clicked.
- (d) Kavya got stung by bees (bees/bees) and wasps (wasps/wasps).
- (e) The babies (babies/babies) were excited to see the cuckoos (cuckoos/cuckoos) in the zoo.
- (f) Shut the doors (doors/doors), or the monkeys (monkeys/monkeys) will enter the house.
- (g) The two pianos (pianos/pianos) weigh more than a hundred kilos (kilos/kilos).
- (h) All the renowned chefs (chefs/chefs) advise using different knives (knives/knives) to cut different vegetables (vegetables/vegetables).