

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

(a) The children have gone to the museum with their parents.

(b) Labonel is one of the best bakeries in town.

(c) The library is full of interesting books and journals.

(d) Kanishk has a box full of chocolates and candies.

(e) 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.

There are some exceptions to this rule as well. Some nouns that end with **f** do not take **-ves** in their plural forms. For example, *chief - chiefs, belief - beliefs*, etc. Some nouns that end with **f** take both **-ves** and **-s** to form plurals. For example, *scarf - scarves/scarfs, hoof - hooves/hoofs, dwarf - dwarves/dwarfs*, etc.

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/bookes*).
- (c) There are several studios (*studios/studioes*) in the area to get your photos (*photoes/photos*) clicked.
- (d) Kavya got stung by bees (*bees/bies*) and wasps (*waspes/wasps*).
- (e) The babies (*babys/babies*) were excited to see the cuckoos (*cuckooes/cuckoos*) in the zoo.
- (f) Shut the doors (*doors/doores*), or the monkeys (*monkeies/monkeys*) will enter the house.
- (g) The two pianos (*pianoes/pianos*) weigh more than a hundred kilos (*kiloes/kilos*).
- (h) All the renowned chefs (*cheves/chefs*) advise using different knives (*knifs/knives*) to cut different vegetables (*vegetablsl/vegetables*).

Now, look at the following sentences.

The *mice* ate the cake at night.

The *children* wanted to have ice cream.

Seven *women* got injured in the accident.

In these sentences, the words *mice*, *children* and *women* are the plural forms of *mouse*, *child* and *woman*, respectively. These words do not follow a specific rule while changing to their plural forms. Such plural forms are called **irregular plurals**.

The plural nouns that are formed without following any rule are called **irregular plurals**.