

There are some exceptions to this rule as well. Some nouns that end with **f** do not **-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 (wasps/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 (vegetabl/s).

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 a specific rule are called irregular plurals.

Add -s	Add -es at the end	Replace y with -ies	Drop <i>us</i> and add -i	Always Singular	Replace <i>is</i> with -es
Beachs	radiuses	Classies	information us		Radiuses
Rubys	axises	furnitureies			
Journeys	Crisis	deityies	satisfaction us		