

## 2 Nouns Number



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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> .

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.

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/zeros) 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).

3. Form plurals of nouns given in the box below and put them in the correct column of the table.

beach	axis	class	information
cactus	deity	radius	satisfaction
journey	crisis	ruby	furniture

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
informat-ions furnitures journeys	beaches classes	journeys rubies deities	cacti radii	crisis axis cactus	axes crises

4. Complete the sentences with the plural forms of nouns given in the box below.

thief	child	month	mouse	ring
spectacles	deer	woman	proof	noise
foal	box	volcano	series	dish

- (a) A cloud of smoke and ash erupted from the volcanos.
- (b) Sheetal saw seven  mice  scamper by.
- (c) The media house has announced the release of three web  series  in the upcoming  months .
- (d) The  thieves  stole all the silver  rings  they found in the house.
- (e) The  children  got scared by the  noises  that came from the other room.
- (f) The  foal  ran into the forest while the  deer  were chased by the wolves.
- (g) The  woman  put a pair of  spectacles  and two  dishes   <sup>or proof</sup>  in the  box .

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- a. The ladies were dressed in their best gowns.
- c. The singers sang melodious song.
- d. The hooves of the horses had nails in them.
- e. The buildings had two storeys with only two rooms.
- f. The analyses made by students were not expected by the teachers.
- g. The carpenters used the electric saw to work on the bookshelves.
- h. The voters are required to carry the photo identity cards to the polling booth.

## Q6. Answers

- a) The dentist pulled out the aching tooth.
- b) He refused to give anything to his stepdaughters.
- c) I deeply admire the poetry of John Keats.
- d) Amisha wants to complete her education before starting her own business.
- e) These creeds will cripple the official machinery.
- f) Judy cut the tomatoes into two halves and sprinkled a pinch of salt on them.
- g) Renish bought books with stories about fables and elves.
- h) The oxen and the deer were hiding behind the bushes.
- i) The chef needed two dozen bananas and two jars of honey to make a hundred pancakes.