

# PLURALS

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+S

an

apple-apples



**+ES** (IF NOUNS  
ENDING IN -S, -SS,  
-CH, -X, -O)

a

tomato-tomat  
oes

BUT:

radio-radios

piano-pianos

photo-photos

rhino-rhinos

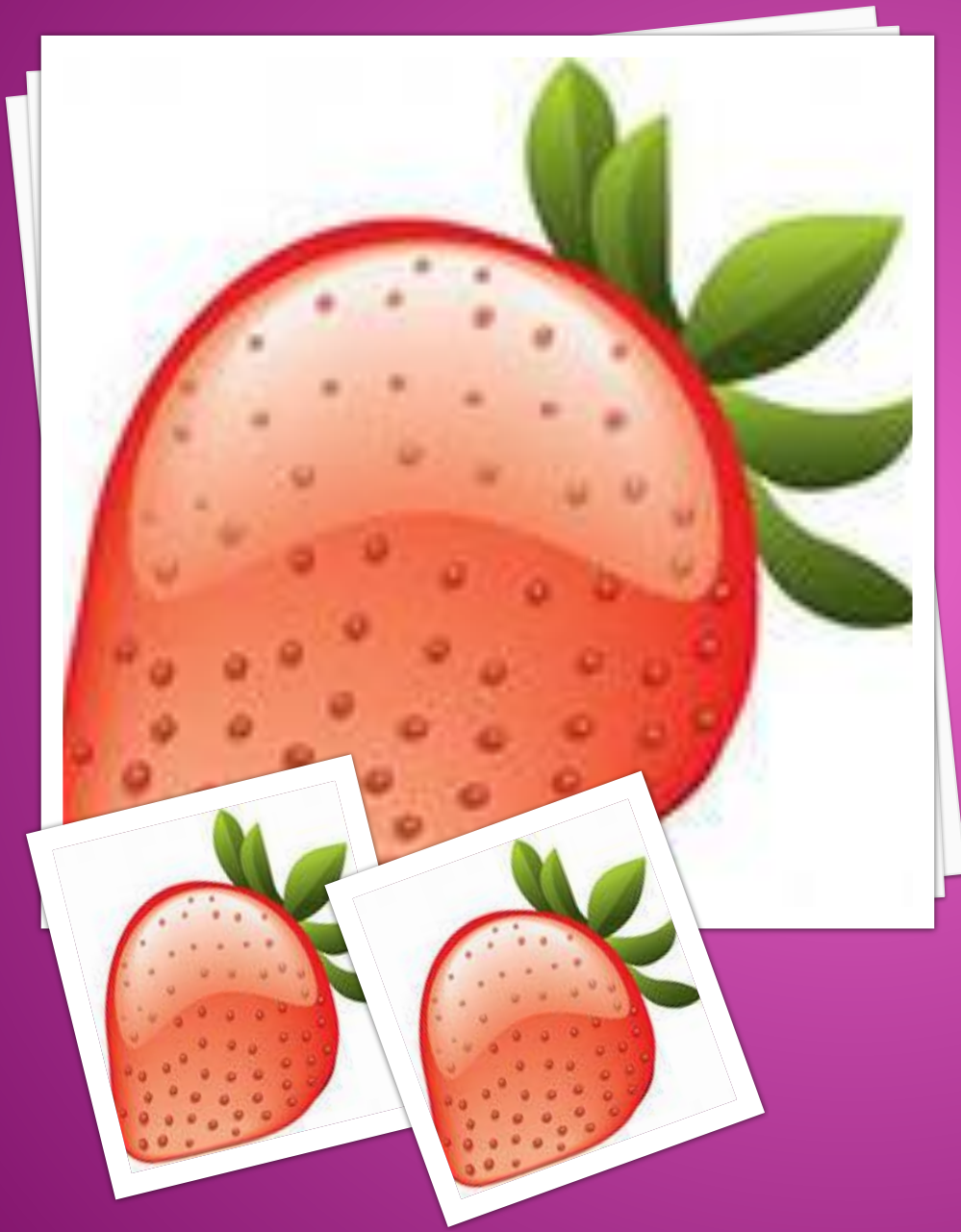
hippo-hippos

video-videos

NOUNS ENDING  
IN A VOWEL+Y  
TAKE -S IN THE  
PLURAL

a toy-toys





NOUNS ENDING IN  
CONSONANT+Y,  
DROP THE -Y AND  
TAKE -IES IN THE  
PLURAL

a

strawberry-str  
awberries

y-i+es



NOUNS ENDING IN -F  
OR -FE, DROP THE F  
OR FE AND TAKE  
-VES IN THE PLURAL

a leaf-leaves  
~~f/fe~~-v+es

BUT:

chiefs

roofs

safes

cliffs

beliefs

scarf(ves)

wharfs(ves)

dwarfs(ves)

hoofs(ves)



# IRREGULAR PLURALS:

a man-men

a woman-women

a child-children

a foot-feet

a tooth-teeth

a goose-geese

a mouse-mice

a louse-lice

an ox-oxen

SOME NOUNS HAVE THE SAME  
SINGULAR AND PLURAL FORMS:

a fish-fish

a deer-deer

a sheep-sheep

a trout-trout

a swine-swine

an aircraft-aircraft

a means-means

# SOME WORDS WHICH COME FROM FOREIGN LANGUAGES HAVE SPECIAL PLURALS:

- ◉ Analysis-analyses
- ◉ Appendix-appendices/appendixes
- ◉ Bacterium-bacteria
- ◉ Basis-bases
- ◉ Cactus-cacti/cactuses
- ◉ Crisis-crises
- ◉ Criterion-criteria
- ◉ Diagnosis-diagnoses
- ◉ Formula-formulae/formulas
- ◉ Fungus-fungi/funguses
- ◉ Hypothesis-hypotheses
- ◉ Medium-media/mediums
- ◉ Phenomenon-phenomena

NOUN+PREPOSITION+NOUN, WE ADD  
-S TO THE FIRST NOUN

● a mother-in-law- motherss-in-law

# IF THE FIRST WORD IS MAN OR WOMAN

- ◉ a woman-doctor- women-doctors

NOUN+ADVERB, WE ADD -S TO THE  
FIRST WORD

⦿ passer-by-passers-by

IF THERE IS NO NOUN-STEM IN THE  
COMPOUND -S IS ADDED TO THE LAST  
ELEMENT

- Forget-me-not-forget-me-nots

# UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS (ARE USED IN SINGULAR):

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Mass nouns:</b>        | <b>Beer, blood, bread, butter, air, oxygen, corn, flour</b>  |
| <b>Subjects:</b>          | History, mathematics, physics  |
| <b>Languages:</b>         | Spanish, French, Japanese, Italian   |
| <b>Games:</b>             | Baseball, billiards, football, golf, darts, cricket, rugby   |
| <b>Diseases:</b>          | Flu, pneumonia, measles, mumps, tuberculosis   |
| <b>Natural phenomena:</b> | Darkness, fog, gravity, snow   |
| <b>Collective nouns:</b>  | Baggage, crockery, cutlery, furniture, jewellery, luggage, machinery, money, rubbish.  |
| <b>Others:</b>            | Advice, anger, applause, assistance, behavior, business, chaos, countryside, courage, education, evidence, homework, information, knowledge, luck, music, news, peace, progress, setback, traffic, trouble, truth, wealth, work, summons, crossroads, rubbish. |



# ALWAYS PLURAL:

people

cattle

trousers

jeans

shorts

shoes

gloves

pajamas

tights

earrings

scissors

pliers

arms

ashes

barracks

clothes

congratulations

outskirts

police

riches

stairs

surroundings

wages

goods

A GROUP OF ENGLISH NOUNS THAT CAN BE USED AS COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE WITH A DIFFERENCE IN MEANING:

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Glass(стекло)</b> | <b>a glass(стакан)</b> |
| Hair(волосы)         | a hair(волос)          |
| Iron(железо)         | an iron(утюг)          |
| Experience(опыт)     | an experience(событие) |
| Work(работа)         | a work(произведение)   |
| Paper(бумага)        | a paper(газета)        |

# COLLECTIVE NOUNS THAT CAN BE BOTH SINGULAR AND PLURAL:

- Army
- Audience
- Class
- Committee
- Company
- Crew
- Crowd
- Government
- Group
- Faculty
- Family

# TEAM

- Is singular when it is regarded as one unit:

*Our team is winning.*

- Is plural when we mean each member of this unit individually:

*The team are going back to their homes.*

RUSSIAN NOUNS THAT ARE ALWAYS  
PLURAL IN RUSSIAN BUT ARE SINGULAR  
AND PLURAL IN ENGLISH.

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>ворота</b> | <b>a gate-gates</b>             |
| сани          | a sledge-sledges                |
| каникулы      | a<br>vacation-vacations         |
| часы          | a<br>watch/clock-watches/clocks |