

Making words into plurals

One, two, three,
There's lots more of me!
Most of us just add an 's',
The other ones you mustn't guess.

You don't always simply add an *s* to make words into plurals.

Look at these examples.

Examples: *crash* → *crashes*

patch → *patches*

mass → *masses*

church → *churches*

What happens if singular words end in 'ch', 's', 'sh', 'x' or 'z'?



The plural ends in 's'.

Examples: *leaf* → *leaves*

loaf → *loaves*

life → *lives*

What happens if words end in 'f' or 'fe'?



Most words change 'f' to 'ves'.

Examples: *baby* → *babies*

body → *bodies*

memory → *memories*

What happens if words end in a consonant followed by 'y'?



Change the 'y' to 'ies'.

Examples: *kilo* → *kilos*

radio → *radios*

stereo → *stereos*

hero → *heroes*

potato → *potatoes*

What happens if words end in 'o'?



Some change to 'oes' and others just add an 'o'. You have to learn them.

However, there are exceptions to the rules. You have to learn these individually.

singular	plural
woman	women
person	people
roof	roofs
chief	chiefs
sheep	sheep
scissors	scissors