Singular to plural Rules (For Nouns)

1.Singular noun + S =Plural

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Ant	S	ants
Girl	S	Girls
Book	S	Books
Pen	S	Pens
Cat	S	Cats
Dog	S	Dogs
Horse	S	Horses

2. Singular noun ending with CH, SH, SS, S, X + ES=Plural

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Bench	ES	Benches
Inch	ES	Inches
Dish	ES	Dishes
Class	ES	classes
Bus	ES	Buses
Gas	ES	Gases
Box	ES	Boxes
Tax	ES	Taxes

Some exceptions: When CH is pronounced as “K” then only S is added in plural

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Stomach	S	Stomachs
Monarch	S	Monarchs

3. A noun ending with “Y” and Vowel before “Y “, then add “S “to make plural (Vowels=A, E, I, O, U)

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Boy	S	Boys
Way	S	Ways
Key	S	Keys
Ray	S	Rays
Monkey	S	Monkeys
Day	S	Days
Play	S	Plays

4. A noun ending with “Y” and consonant before “Y “, then remove “Y” & add “IES “to make plural.

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Baby	IES	Babies
Body	IES	Bodies
Fly	IES	Flies
Army	IES	Armies
Diary	IES	Diaries
Cry	IES	Cries
City	IES	Cities
Lady	IES	Ladies

5. Noun ending with “O” and consonant before “O “, then add “ES “to make plural.

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Potato	ES	Potatoes
Mango	ES	Mangoes
Buffalo	ES	Buffaloes
Hero	ES	Heroes
Mosquito	ES	Mosquitoes
Tomato	ES	Tomatoes

Some exceptions:

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Photo	S	Photos
Piano	S	Pianos

6. Noun ending with “O” and Vowel before “O “, then add “S “to make plural.

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Radio	S	Radios
Bamboo	S	Bamboos
Folio	S	Folios

7. When noun ends with “F” or “FE”, Replace “F/FE” with “V” and add “ES” to make plural.

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural
Wife	ES	Wives
Life	ES	Lives
Knife	ES	Knives
Calf	ES	Calves
Shelf	ES	Shelves
Half	ES	Halves
Thief	ES	Thieves
Loaf	ES	Loaves
Leaf	ES	Leaves

Some exceptions:

Singular noun	(+)Add	Plural

Roof	S	Roofs
Chief	S	Chiefs
Dwarf	S	Dwarfs
Handkerchief	S	Handkerchiefs

8. Change Vowels in the noun to make plural.

Singular noun	**Plural**
Man	Men
Woman	Women
Tooth	Teeth
Foot	Feet
Goose	Geese

9. Add “EN” to some nouns to make plural.

Singular noun	**(+)Add**	**Plural**
Child	REN	Children
Ox	EN	Oxen

10. Compound Nouns are made plural by making the main word plural.

Singular	**Plural**
Son-in-law	Sons-in-law
Sister-in-law	Sisters-in-law
Stepson	Stepsons
Grandson	grandsons
Man-at-arms	Men-at-arms

11.Singular and plural forms are same for some nouns.

Singular	**Plural**
Sheep	Sheep
Deer	Deer
Police	Police

Series	Series

12. Some nouns are used only in plural form.

Scissors, spectacles, riches, alms etc.

13.Some nouns are used only in singular form.

Tea, coffee, percentage, information, stationary, knowledge etc.

Let’s Practice

Wolf	
Deer	
Knife	
Man	
Baby	
City	
Car	
Child	
Father-in-law	
coffee	
Ox	
Lady	
Branch	
Hero	
Maidservant	
Information	
Tooth	
Mouse	
Foot	
News	