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SINGULAR NOUNS

Singular nouns are nouns that refer to only one (person, animal, thing).

Examples:

• There is a **ball** on the **table**.

Ball One ball

Table One table

• A man is standing outside the gate.

Man \longrightarrow One man

Gate \longrightarrow One gate





PLURAL NOUNS

Plural nouns are nouns that refer to more than one (person, animal, thing)

Examples:

• Nicole and Sheila are talking over the phone.

Nicole and Sheila \longrightarrow more than one person

• The dogs are happy.

The dogs \longrightarrow more than one dog





RULES FOR PLURALIZING

There are certain rules to convert a regular noun into plural:

1. Add an -s to the end of the word

Examples:

- Cat ——— Cats
- Plane Planes
- Door ——> Doors

2. If the singular noun ends in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch or -x; add -es in order to make it plural

Examples:

- Bus ———— Buses
- Truss Trusses
- Match
 Matches
- Box ———— Boxes





3. If the singular noun ends in -f or -fe, the "f" is changed to "ve"

Examples:

- Wife ——— Wives
- Wolf Wolves
- 4. If the singular noun ends in -y, the ending is changed to -ies

Examples:

- City ——— Cities
- Puppy Puppies
- **5.** If the singular noun ends in -o, add -es to make it plural

Examples:

- Tomato Tomatoes
- Potato —— Potatoes
- 6. If the singular noun ends in -us, the "us" in changed to "i" for its plural form

Examples:

- Cactus —— Cacti
- Octopus Octopi





7. If the singular noun ends in -is, the plural ending in -es

Examples:

- Ellipsis Ellipses
- 8. If the singular noun ends in -on, the plural ending in -a

Examples:

- Criterion Criteria
- Phenomenon ——> Phenomena
- 9. Irregular nouns need to be memorized, as there is not a rule for these

Examples:

- Child Children
 Goose Geese
 Man Men
- Woman Women
- 10. Some nouns do not change when they are pluralized

Examples:

- Sheep SheepMoose Moose





THERE IS / THERE ARE

These are used when you want to say something exists or does not exist at a specific place.

THERE IS

Used for singular Used for uncountable nouns

THERE ARE

Used for plural

Examples:

There is a pen on the table. One pen.

There are many cats on the sofa. More than one cat.

There is some milk in the bottle.

Uncountable noun.

(We cannot say two milks, etc)





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