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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.


Table $\longrightarrow$ One table

- A man is standing outside the gate

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## 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 $\mathbf{- s}$ to the end of the word

Examples:

- Cat $\longrightarrow$ Cats
- Plane $\longrightarrow$ Planes
- Door $\longrightarrow$ Doors

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

Examples:

- Bus $\longrightarrow$ Buses
- Truss $\longrightarrow$ Trusses
- Wish $\longrightarrow$ Wishes
- Match $\longrightarrow$ Matches
- Box $\longrightarrow$ Boxes


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

Examples:

- Wife $\longrightarrow$ Wives
- Wolf $\longrightarrow$ Wolves

4. If the singular noun ends in $-y$, the ending is changed to -ies

Examples:

- City $\longrightarrow$ Cities
- Puppy $\longrightarrow$ Puppies

5. If the singular noun ends in -0 , add -es to make it plural

Examples:

- Tomato $\longrightarrow$ Tomatoes
- Potato $\longrightarrow$ Potatoes

6. If the singular noun ends in -us, the "us" in changed to "i" for its plural form

Examples:

- Cactus $\longrightarrow$ Cacti
- Octopus $\longrightarrow$ Octopi


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

Examples:

- Analysis $\longrightarrow$ Analyses
- Ellipsis $\longrightarrow$ Ellipses

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

Examples:

- Criterion $\longrightarrow$ Criteria
- Phenomenon $\longrightarrow$ Phenomena

9. Irregular nouns need to be memorized, as there is not a rule for these

Examples:

- Child $\longrightarrow$ Children
- Goose $\longrightarrow$ Geese
- Man $\longrightarrow$ Men
- Woman $\longrightarrow$ Women

10. Some nouns do not change when they are pluralized

Examples:

- Sheep $\longrightarrow$ Sheep
- Moose $\longrightarrow$ 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 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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