



English



Self-Learning pack

Grade 11



Lesson 04 – Singular and Plural Nouns

Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning.

Competency level - 4.5 Forms the plurals of nouns.

Nouns

Singular means only one thing or person

plural means more than one thing or person (two or more)

To change a singular noun into plural, there are changes in spellings as well as pronunciation. Let's see the spelling changes.

The singular nouns, which end in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x are made into plural by adding -es to the end of the singular noun.



house



houses



bag



bags



horse



horses



glass



glasses

Let's add three more words to the list.



bench



benches



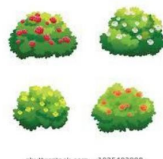
box



boxes



bush



bushes



brush



brushes

Nouns which end with a consonant + o usually add -es to form the plural.

Eg. hero heroes mango mangoes

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Some singular nouns which end with -o are made into plural by adding only -s.

Eg. photo photos piano pianos

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



Nouns ending in Consonant+ **-y** – drop **-y** and add **-ies**

Eg: lady ladies body bodies

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Nouns ending with a vowel + **y** take **-s** to form plurals.

Eg: boy boys monkey monkeys

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** -drop **-f** /**-fe** and add **-ves**

Eg: half halves knife knives

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



Nouns which end in **-f, -ff**, take only **-s** in their plurals.

Eg: belief beliefs cliff cliffs

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Certain words change their vowels when turned into plurals.

E.g.; foot feet man men

Let's add three more words to the list.

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Now you have a good collection of plurals of nouns.

Let's try out.

Turn to page number 111 in the textbook. Fill in the blanks with the plural form of the noun.