**Singular-Plurals**

**Transformation of Plurals**

In general when a countable noun refers two or more things ,it must be put into the plurals . In English the plural of most countable noun is formed by adding ‘s’ . For example:-

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| hat | hats |
| letter | letters |
| pencil | pencils |
| student | stuents |

Noun ending with the word ch , s, shx, or buzz the plurals formed by adding es .The pronoun es is pronounced as a separate syllable

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| branch | Branches |
| match | matches |
| bus | buses |
| pass | passes |
| dish | dishes |
| marsh | marshes |
| ax | axes |
| fox | foxes |
| buzz | buzzes |

Nouns ending with ce ,ge,se or ze the plural is formed by adding es and is pronounced as a separate syllable

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| place | places |
| voice | voices |
| change | changes |
| page | pages |
| house | houses |
| phrase | phrases |
| size | sizes |

Nouns ending with y the plural is formed by replacing y with ies .

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Candy | Candies |
| City | Cities |
| Lady | Ladies |
| Story | stories |

Noun ending with y preceding by vowel usually forms the plural simply by adding s

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Boy | Boys |
| Day | Days |
| Key | Keys |
| Toy | Toys |

Nouns ending with f or fe the plural is formed by replacing f with v and adding es

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| calf | calves |
| elf | elves |
| half | halves |
| leaf | leaves |
| loaf | Loaves |
| sheaf | sheaves |
| shelf | shelves |
| thief | thieves |
| wolf | wolves |

In addition the following nouns ending with fe the plural is formed by changing f with v and adding es

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| knife | knives |
| life | lives |
| wife | wives |

There are few nouns ending with f the plural is formed in two different ways

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| **Singular** | **Plural** | |
| hoof | hoofs | hooves |
| scarf | scarfs | scarves |
| staff | staffs | staves |
| wharf | wharfs | wharves |

Most other noun ending with f or fe forms plural simply by adding s

Nouns ending with o the plural is formed by adding s and some form the plural by adding with es

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| albino | albinos |
| alto | altos |
| casino | casinos |
| piano | pianos |
| radio | radios |
| silo | silos |
| sombrero | sombreros |
| Soprano | sopranos |
| studio | studios |
| archipelago | Archipelagos |
| cargo | cargoes |
| echo | echoes |
| hero | heroes |
| mosquito | mosquitoes |
| potato | potatoes |
| tomato | tomatoes |
| tornado | tornadoes |
| torpedo | torpedoes |
| veto | vetoes |
| volcano | volcanoes |