

## KALPAVRUKSHA MODEL SCHOOL

### Topic : Singular and Plural forms of Noun

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#### Rules of Forming the Plural of Singular Nouns.

I. In general plurals rule: Usually add the letter **“s”** at the end of the singular noun to make it plural.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
ant	ants	lock	locks
bicycle	bicycles	picture	pictures
cow	cows	nose	noses
grape	grapes	orange	oranges
house	houses	well	wells
jug	jugs	flower	flowers
king	kings	magazine	magazines

II. By adding **“es”** to the nouns ending in **ch, s, sh, ss, z and x**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
bus	buses	glass	glasses
watch	watches	virus	viruses
gas	gases	inch	inches
box	boxes	church	churches
buzz	buzzes	thrush	thrushes
boss	bosses	brush	brushes
brush	brushes	branch	branches

III. By adding **“s”** to the nouns ending in **“o”**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
photo	photos	kilo	kilos
piano	pianos	rhino	rhinos
solo	solos	trio	trios

IV. By adding **“es”** to nouns ending in **“o”**.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
If the noun ends with a consonant + “o” add “es”		If “o” is preceded by a vowel only add “s” to make plural	
buffalo	buffaloes	radio	radios
echo	echoes	studio	studios
hero	heroes	kangaroo	kangaroos
mosquito	mosquitoes	stereo	stereos
potato	potatoes	audio	audios
tornado	tornadoes	tattoo	tattoos
hero	heroes	pistachio	pistachios

**V. Words ending with “y” if there is a consonant before the letter “y”, then “y” changes to “i” and “es” (ies).**

(y → i + es = ies) (drop “y” replace with an “i” and add “es”)

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
beaut <b>y</b>	beauties	cur <b>y</b>	curries
cheer <b>y</b>	cherries	napp <b>y</b>	nappies
diar <b>y</b>	diaries	theor <b>y</b>	theories
dut <b>y</b>	duties	countr <b>y</b>	countries
famil <b>y</b>	families	cit <b>y</b>	cities
fair <b>y</b>	fairies	bab <b>y</b>	babies

**VI. Words ending with “y” if there is a vowel before the letter “y”, then add “s” after “y”.**

(Don’t drop “y” add “s” after “y”)

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
donk <b>y</b>	donkeys	monk <b>y</b>	monkeys
gu <b>y</b>	guys	bo <b>y</b>	boys
jerse <b>y</b>	jerseys	da <b>y</b>	days
ke <b>y</b>	keys	trolle <b>y</b>	trolleys
kidne <b>y</b>	kidneys	to <b>y</b>	toys

**VII. Words that end in “f” or “fe” then replace “f” or “fe” with “v” and add “es”.**

(f or fe → v + es = ves)

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
elf	elves	wife	wives
life	lives	thief	thieves
loaf	loaves	leaf	leaves
half	halves	calf	calves
knife	knives	wolf	wolves

**VIII. Words that end in “f” or “fe” then add “s” after “f” or “fe”.**

(f or fe + s = fs /fes)

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
chef	chefs	If the word ends with “ff” add “s”	
chief	chiefs	handcuff	handcuffs
giraffe	giraffes	sheriff	sheriffs
roof	roofs	puff	puffs
gulf	gulfs	cliff	cliffs

### IX. Some other plural forms:

Singular	Plural
ox	oxen
child	children
man	men
woman	women
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
goose	geese

### X. Some words do not change in plural form.

Singular	Plural
hair	hair
deer	deer
furniture	furniture
sheep	sheep
news	news
music	music
information	information
luggage	luggage
knowledge	knowledge
cattle	cattle
scenery	scenery