

Hard & Fast Rules for Making *Plural Nouns*

If a noun ends with-	Then-	Examples
1) s ch sh X z	add -es	buses gases crashes dishes churches watches boxes buzzes
2) consonant + y	change y to i add -es	babies batteries duties histories families memories
3) vowel+ y	add -s	joys essays monkeys keys
4) f or fe	add -s or change f to v add -es	giraffes cliffs knives wolves elves wives shelves lives
5) consonant + o	add -es	zeroes tomatoes
6) us (Latin origin)	change us to i	alumni fungi cacti nuclei
<u>Some Common Irregular Plurals:</u>		<u>Some Nouns Do Not Change:</u>
men women children	teeth geese feet	people mice oxen
		fish deer moose aircraft offspring buffalo shrimp salmon species

Hard & Fast Rules Practice *Plural Nouns*

For each noun on the left, write its plural form on the right. Then, list the rule number that you used.

kiss	
toy	
thesaurus	
library	
hoof	
embargo	
ash	
scarf	
convoy	
syllabus	
veto	
study	