

## Fact sheet 1

# Singular or Plural?

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### Singular Noun Definition:

When a noun means one only, it is said to be singular.

Examples: boy, girl, book, church, box

### Plural Noun Definition:

When a noun means more than one, it is said to be plural.

Examples: boys, girls, books, churches

### Rule #1

The plural of nouns is usually formed by adding - **s** to a singular noun.

lamp	lamps
cat	cats
fork	forks
flower	flowers
pen	pens

Exercise: Write the plural of each of these nouns

chair	star	farm
storm	door	rock
owner	paper	cup

### Rule #2

Nouns ending in **s**, **z**, **x**, **sh**, and **ch** form the plural by adding - **es**.

moss	mosses
buzz	buzzes
box	boxes
dish	dishes
church	churches

Exercise: Write the plural of each of these nouns

dress	brush	hex
wish	class	fox
cross	bench	bush
ax	grass	mantis

### Special Note:

If you add - **s** to such nouns as **fox**, **bush**, and **bench**, you will find that you cannot pronounce them without making an additional syllable. This is why such nouns form the plural by adding - **es**.