

Making Plurals using the Year 3 word list

To make most nouns plural add **s**:

cup cups

To make nouns that end in **s, x, ch, sh** plurals add **es**:

church churches

To make nouns that end in **y** plural:

Add **s** if the letter before the **y** is *a, e, o* or *u*: boy boys

Remove the **y** and add **ies** if the letter before the **y** is a consonant: lady ladies

To make nouns that end in **f** or **fe** plural, change **f/fe** to **ves**: leaf leaves

EXCEPTIONS: All words that end in **ff** take **s**: cliff cliffs. SO DO: dwarf, roof, reef, fife, belief, grief and waif.

There are no rules for making words that end in **o** into plurals. Check in a dictionary if unsure. Most take **s** or **es**:

piano pianos
potato potatoes

1. Change these singular nouns in to plurals:

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
door		class		sugar	
floor		grass		eye	
steak		plant		parent	
cloth		bath		Christmas	
water		path			
father		hour			

2. Write down the plural forms of the nouns in brackets.

Grace was going on a picnic with her (parent). She had been asked to pack the picnic basket with three of everything. She packed three: (plate), (knife), (fork), (spoon), (glass), cheese (sandwich), (packet) of (crisp), (apple), and three (bottle) of water.