

Making Plurals using the Year 5 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
amateur		community		queue	
ancient		competition		restaurant	
bargain		dictionary		rhyme	
bruise		environment		rhythm	
category		curiosity		sacrifices	
cemetery		development			
committee		pronunciation			

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

Danny woke slowly from a happy dream. He had just scored three (try) and two (penalty). He was feeling like one of the Hull Kingston (Rover) (hero). Sadly the feeling didn't last long as he realized that it was just another school day.