

Making Plurals using the Year 6 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
secretary		symbol		opportunity	
shoulder		system		parliament	
signature		temperature		privilege	
soldier		variety		professions	
stomach		vegetable		programmes	
suggestion		vehicle		muscles	
explanation		yacht		neighbour	
individual		language		guarantee	

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

It was Christmas. Sarah rushed downstairs to see the (stocking). She was glad to see that her pile of (present) flowed over the top of her stocking and on to the floor in to two (sack). Most importantly her older sister only had one sack. She couldn't wait to open them.