

## Plurality in English

There are two types of plurals: *regular* and *irregular* plurals.

1\* Regular plurals either take an **-s**, **-es**, or **-ies**.

2\* Irregular plurals follow no rules. Some words change completely (person => **people**); other words remain the same (information=> **information**)

Regular plurals			Irregular plurals
add -s	add -es	c+y ==> ies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a man =&gt; <b>men</b></li> <li>• a woman =&gt; <b>women</b></li> <li>• a child =&gt; <b>children</b></li> <li>• a person =&gt; <b>people</b></li> <li>• information=&gt; <b>information</b></li> </ul>
books plays keys tickets kids umbrellas	we add <b>-es</b> after <i>ch, sh, s, x</i>	when we have a <i>consonant</i> + <i>y</i> , we omit the <i>y</i> and add <b>-ies</b>	
	watches boxes kisses flashes	city => cities identity => identities baby => babies	

### Practice:

a. Write each word in its plural form in the correct column.

pencil, city, coin, ticket, diary, watch, window, address, sandwich, country, class, dictionary, bus, umbrella.

-s	-es	-ies
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b. Complete the chart.

Singular	Plural
man	.....
leaf	.....

.....	fish
mouse	.....
.....	teeth
Child	.....
woman	.....
.....	people

*c.* Complete the sentences with a word from the chart in *b*.

1. His wife is a very nice .....
2. My English teacher is a ..... His name's Adam.
3. I have two..... My first is six years old and my second is two.
4. Many British ..... drink tea.
5. Not those toilets, Mr. Davis! They're for..... not.....
6. I don't like ..... I prefer red meat.
7. Look at her smile. It is so beautiful. Her ..... are so white!
8. I love animals, but I am terrified of .....
9. I love the way you drew that tree! the ..... are beautifully colored!