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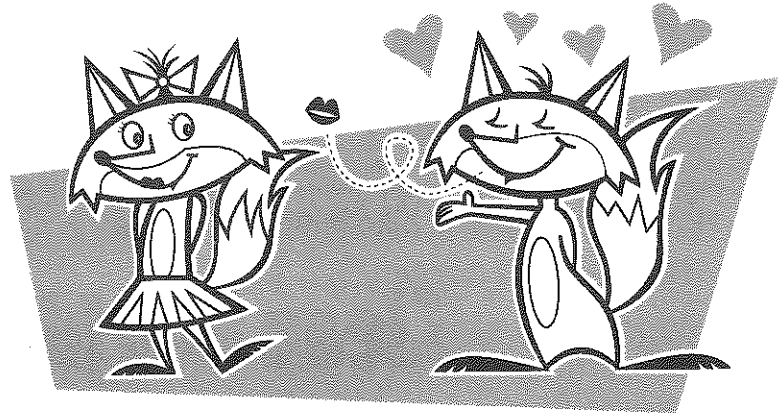
You make most singular words plural by adding just **s** to the singular form.

shoe + **s** = shoes

If a singular word ends in **x**, **ss**, **sh**, or **ch**, you usually add **es** to make it mean more than one.

fox + **es** = foxes

Spelling Practice



LIST WORDS

1. axes
2. chains
3. bosses
4. shoes
5. kisses
6. waxes
7. foxes
8. splashes
9. ashes
10. crashes
11. matches
12. sandwiches
13. toothbrushes
14. eyelashes
15. sashes
16. ditches
17. flashes
18. churches
19. paces
20. clashes

Forming Plurals

Finish spelling each list word.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. ki _____ | 2. sh _____ |
| 3. as _____ | 4. cr _____ |
| 5. wa _____ | 6. bo _____ |
| 7. ax _____ | 8. fl _____ |
| 9. di _____ | 10. cla _____ |
| 11. cha _____ | 12. fo _____ |
| 13. ma _____ | 14. pa _____ |
| 15. sas _____ | 16. chu _____ |
| 17. sand _____ | |
| 18. spla _____ | |
| 19. eye _____ | |
| 20. tooth _____ | |

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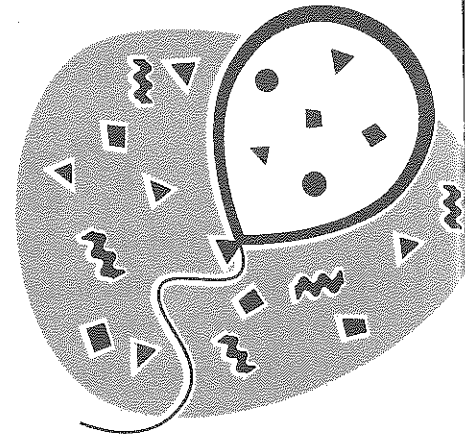
If a word ends in **y** preceded by a vowel, add **s** to make the plural.

holiday + **s** = holidays

If a word ends in **y** preceded by a consonant, change **y** to **i** and add **es**.

copy + **es** = copies

Spelling Practice



LIST WORDS

1. *holidays*
2. *parties*
3. *stories*
4. *flies*
5. *birthdays*
6. *copies*
7. *duties*
8. *ladies*
9. *counties*
10. *valleys*
11. *groceries*
12. *hobbies*
13. *libraries*
14. *highways*
15. *batteries*
16. *injuries*
17. *cherries*
18. *melodies*
19. *surveys*
20. *communities*

Forming Plurals of Words Ending in **y**

Complete each list word by writing **y** and adding **s** to make the plural, or by changing the **y** to **i** and adding **es** to make the plural.

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>grocer</u> | 2. <u>fl</u> |
| 3. <u>stor</u> | 4. <u>dut</u> |
| 5. <u>highwa</u> | 6. <u>cop</u> |
| 7. <u>birthda</u> | 8. <u>hobb</u> |
| 9. <u>batter</u> | 10. <u>valle</u> |
| 11. <u>holida</u> | 12. <u>part</u> |
| 13. <u>injur</u> | 14. <u>surve</u> |
| 15. <u>melod</u> | 16. <u>communit</u> |
| 17. <u>cherr</u> | 18. <u>lad</u> |
| 19. <u>count</u> | 20. <u>librar</u> |

TIP

Most words ending in **f/fe** change the **f/fe** to **v** and add **es** to make plurals.

calf—calves knife—knives

A few words ending in **f** just add **s**.

chief—chiefs hoof—hoofs

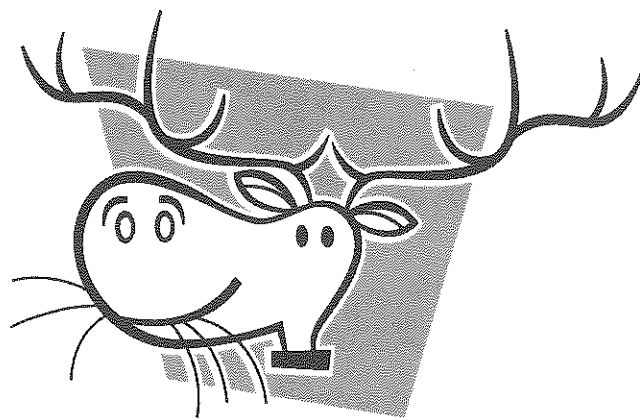
Words ending in **o** add **s** or **es**.

buffalo—buffaloes

Irregular plurals change their spelling or stay the same.

mouse—mice sheep—sheep

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LIST WORDS

1. *teeth*
2. *mice*
3. *women*
4. *knives*
5. *leaves*
6. *halves*
7. *loaves*
8. *lives*
9. *calves*
10. *moose*
11. *sheep*
12. *oxen*
13. *yourselves*
14. *geese*
15. *chiefs*
16. *buffaloes*
17. *handkerchiefs*
18. *scarves*
19. *hoofs*
20. *bison*

Writing Irregular Plurals

Write the **list word** that is the plural form of each word given.

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. hoof _____ | 13. moose _____ |
| 2. knife _____ | 14. mouse _____ |
| 3. sheep _____ | 15. loaf _____ |
| 4. chief _____ | 16. goose _____ |
| 5. ox _____ | 17. scarf _____ |
| 6. half _____ | 18. tooth _____ |
| 7. bison _____ | 19. calf _____ |
| 8. leaf _____ | 20. woman _____ |
| 9. life _____ | |
| 10. handkerchief _____ | |
| 11. buffalo _____ | |
| 12. yourself _____ | |

TIP

Use an apostrophe to show where letters have been left out in a contraction.

she will — she'll

how is — how's

Use an apostrophe and s to show singular ownership.

the bike of my uncle — my

uncle's bike

LIST WORDS

1. *she'll*
2. *wouldn't*
3. *they'll*
4. *how's*
5. *let's*
6. *where's*
7. *we're*
8. *desert's*
9. *person's*
10. *sister's*
11. *bicycle's*
12. *Arizona's*
13. *child's*
14. *aunt's*
15. *cousin's*
16. *Florida's*
17. *uncle's*
18. *doctor's*
19. *hasn't*
20. *season's*

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Using an Apostrophe

Write the list words that are contractions using the word is.

1. _____ 2. _____

Write the list words that are contractions using the word not.

3. _____ 4. _____

Write the list words that are contractions using the word will.

5. _____ 6. _____

Write the list word that is a contraction using the word are.

7. _____

Write the list word that is a contraction using the word us.

8. _____

Write the list words that show ownership.

9. _____ 10. _____

11. _____ 12. _____

13. _____ 14. _____

15. _____ 16. _____

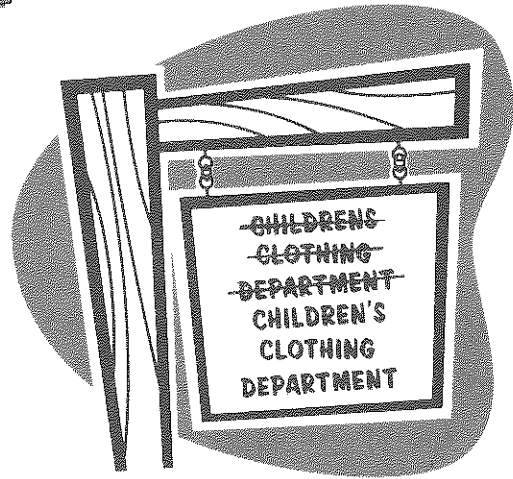
17. _____ 18. _____

19. _____ 20. _____

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TIP

Form the possessive of a plural ending in **s** by adding just an apostrophe, as in armies—armies'.
If the plural does not end in **s**, form its possessive by adding an apostrophe and **s**, as in men—men's.



LIST WORDS

1. *passengers'*
2. *armies'*
3. *families'*
4. *thieves'*
5. *ranches'*
6. *benches'*
7. *umpires'*
8. *airlines'*
9. *dresses'*
10. *hostesses'*
11. *banjos'*
12. *pianos'*
13. *men's*
14. *children's*
15. *bodies'*
16. *daisies'*
17. *televisions'*
18. *members'*
19. *governments'*
20. *businesses'*

Forming Plural Possessives

Write each **list word** that is formed by adding an apostrophe and **s** to a plural word.

1. _____ 2. _____

Write each **list word** that is formed by adding just an apostrophe to a plural word.

3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____
11. _____ 12. _____
13. _____ 14. _____
15. _____ 16. _____
17. _____ 18. _____
19. _____ 20. _____