Regular and Irregular Plural Nouns

Plural nouns name more than one person, place, or thing.

- Add -*s* to form the plural of most nouns. swing/swings animal/animals
- Add -es to nouns ending in ch, sh, x, z, s, and ss. fox/foxes bush/bushes church/churches
- If a noun ends in a vowel and y, add -s. monkey/monkeys toy/toys
- If a noun ends in a consonant and y, change y to i and add -es. blueberry/blueberries pony/ponies penny/pennies
- Some nouns have **irregular plural** forms. They change spelling. woman/women tooth/teeth ox/oxen
- For most nouns that end in *f* or *fe*, change *f* to *v* and add -*es*. wife/wives wolf/wolves thief/thieves
- Some nouns have the same singular and plural forms. salmon trout sheep

Directions Underline the plural nouns in each sentence.

- 1. Caterpillars eat leaves constantly.
- 2. This one looks beautiful with its bright yellow stripes.
- 3. Those leaves come from maples, cherries, and oaks.
- 4. It looks as though it has many feet.
- **5.** Bristles stick up on its back like little brooms.

Directions Cross out each incorrectly spelled plural noun. Write the correct spelling above the word you crossed out.

- **6.** Nature makes many intricate patternes in bright colors.
- 7. From the oceans to the skys, we find swirles, zig-zags, circles, and archs of color.
- 8. In autumn leafs turn vivid colors and stand like brushs full of paint against the sky.



Home Activity Your child learned about regular and irregular plural nouns. Take a walk and have your child identify people, places, animals, and things in groups. Ask him or her to spell these plural nouns correctly.

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Directions Write a sentence using the plural form of each noun. 1. woman 2. foot **3.** monkey 4. deer 5. leaf **Directions** Write the paragraph on the lines. Write the plural form of each noun in (). Add a word of your own to describe each plural noun. Write your own ending sentence for the paragraph. Our scout troop collected ___ (coat) and (glove) for ___ (child). We made ___ (poster) and knocked on ___ (door). Many people gave ___ (donation). Sometimes ___ (family) searched their ___ (closet) to help us. We took ___ (bunch) of winter wear to the Salvation Army.



Home Activity Your child learned how to use plural nouns in writing. Have your child point out plural nouns on packages and labels and explain the rule for forming each plural.

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Directions Mark the letter of the word that correctly completes each sentence.

- 1. Dad found caterpillars eating his beloved rose
 - A bushs
 - B bush's
 - C bushes
 - **D** bushies
- **2.** Put two caterpillars in a jar with some _____.
 - A leafs
 - **B** leaves
 - C leafes
 - **D** leavs
- 3. I punched many ____ in the lid of the jar.
 - A holes
 - **B** hols
 - C hole
 - D holez
- **4.** The caterpillars were soft as _____.
 - A bunnys
 - **B** bunnyes
 - C bunnies
 - **D** bunny
- **5.** I had to gather ____ of grass and leafy twigs.
 - A bunches
 - **B** bunchies
 - C bunchen
 - **D** bunchs

- **6.** One morning I was sure ____ had stolen them.
 - A thief
 - **B** thiefs
 - C thiefes
 - **D** thieves
- 7. Then I saw cottony ____ attached to twigs.
 - A capsules
 - B capsulies
 - C capsuls
 - D capsulen
- **8.** They had sewn their _____ into cushions called pupas.
 - A body
 - **B** bodys
 - C bodeys
 - **D** bodies
- **9.** Soon they would be winged _____.
 - A creature
 - **B** creatures
 - C creaturees
 - **D** creaturies
- **10.** Their wings would have brilliant ____ of color.
 - A patchs
 - **B** patchies
 - C patches
 - D patch



Home Activity Your child prepared for taking tests on regular and irregular plural nouns. Have your child make flash cards with singular and plural forms of nouns on opposite sides. Use the cards to help him or her learn plural forms.

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Directions Write the plural forms of the underlined singular nouns.

- **1.** Are you good at drawing <u>picture</u> or painting <u>scene</u>?
- 2. Latoya loves art and has taken many art class.
- 3. An artist must consider the <u>line</u>, space, <u>color</u>, and <u>texture</u> of a painting.
- 4. A portrait artist paints pictures of lady and gentleman.

Directions Cross out each incorrectly spelled plural noun. Write the correct spelling above the word you crossed out.

- **5.** These kindes of painting are called still life.
- **6.** I will draw a picture of this bowl of peachs, peares, and bananas.
- 7. Unfortunately, they only look like circeles, ovals, and crescenties.
- **8.** Janelle draws horse, sheeps, and piges well.

Directions Write each sentence. Write the plural forms of the nouns in (). Add your own describing word for each plural noun.

9. Some artists make ____ (craft) such as ____ (quilt) and ____ (pot).

10	(dish)) and	(tablecloth)) can be	(work) of art



Home Activity Your child reviewed regular and irregular plural nouns. Ask your child to list things you have in your kitchen and write the plural form for each noun.