

One and Many



Circle the pictures that show many.





















When a noun is one in number, we say it is in the singular form. When a noun is more than one in number, we say it is in the plural form.



We usually add s to some nouns to show many. For example, book—books, apple—apples, tree—trees.

We add es to nouns that end in ch, sh, o, s, x and ss. For example, bench—benches, bush—bushes, echo—echoes, gas—gases, box—boxes and cross—crosses.



Exception

In some words that end in o, an s is added to form their plural. For example,

- · piano-pianos.
- photo-photos.

A. Add s or es to these nouns to show many.

1. horse		2.	fox	
3. pot		4.	rose	
5. brush		6.	potato	
7. boy	·	8.	peach	
9. branch		10.	eagle	
11. boss		12.	river	
13. logo		14.	mango	

B. Tick (✓) the correct plural form.

15. bus

Singular	Plural
1. potato	potatoes / potatos
2. tomato	tomatoes / tomatos
3. hero	heroes / heros
4. buffalo	buffalos / buffaloes
5. radio	radios / radioes
6. video	videoes / videos

16. phone

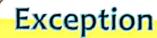


In nouns that end in f or fe, f or fe is changed to ves to form

their plural. For example:

wolf—wolves, wife—wives, leaf—leaves, life—lives.

Some nouns ending in **f**, take both **s** and **ves**. For example, hoof—hooves / hoofs, dwarf—dwarves / dwarfs.



In some words ending in f, only s is added to form their plural.

For example, roof—roofs, chef—chefs.

C. Say and write the plurals.

1. one calf

two _____

2. one thief

six _____

3. one bench

four _____

4. one radish

five _____

5. one glass

two _____

6. one knife

six _____

7. a half

two _____

8. one photo

twelve _____

9. one roof

two _____

10. one leaf

ten _____

11. a dish

two _____

12. one shelf

three _____

13. one piano

two _____

14. one wife

four _____

15. one chief

five _____

In nouns which end in a consonant before the final y, the y is replaced with ies to form their plural.

For example, city—cities, penny—pennies.

In nouns that end in a **vowel before the final y**, only an **s** is added to form their plural.

For example, day—days, key—keys.

⑤ D. Tick (✔) the correct plural forms of these nouns.



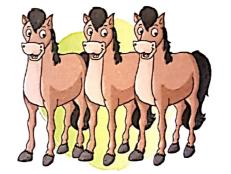
1. a. poppies b. poppys



2. a. toys b. toyies



3. a. cherrys b. cherries



4. a. ponys b. ponies



5. a. donkies b. donkeys



6. a. babys b. babies



7. a. monkeys b. monkies



8. a. berrys b. berries



There are some nouns that do not follow any rules. For example,



Singular	Plural
woman	women
child	children
OX	oxen
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
man	men



Some nouns are the same in both singular and plural forms.



Singular	Plural
fish	fish
sheep	sheep
deer	deer
fruit	fruit

Note

 If there are many kinds of fish or fruit, then we say fishes and fruits.

E. Write the plural of these nouns.

1.	bottle	 2.	bus	
3.	tooth	4.	orange	·
5.	branch	6.	box	
7.	donkey	8.	bunny	
9.	child	10.	sentence	
11.	flower	12.	mango	

13. foot		14. mouse
15. peach		16. bush
17. fly		18. fox —
19. lady		20. strawberry
F. Complete the se	ntences by choosing	the correct plural
1. I have two _	<i>boxes</i> full of to	ys.
a. box	b. boxes	c. boxs
2. Most trees ha	ave green	·
a. leaves	b. leafes	c. leafs
3. Children sho	uld never play with $_{-}$	·
a. knife	b. knifes	c. knives
4. We eat a lot	of	
a. potato	b. potatos	c. potatoes
5. Please put tw	vo on t	he table.
	b. tomatos	
6. The police w	ere looking for the $_$	
a. thiefs		c. thiefes
7. There were n	nany birds sitting on	the
	b. branchs	c. branchies
	o of b	ead on the table.
a. loaves	b. loafes	c. loavies

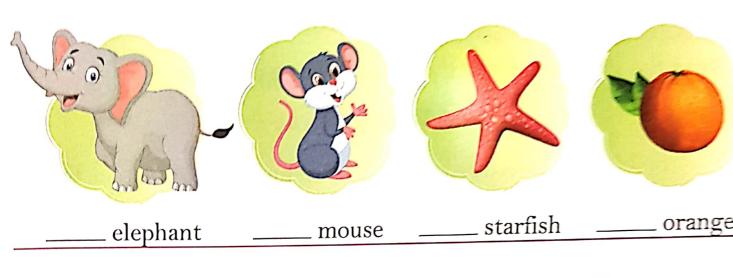


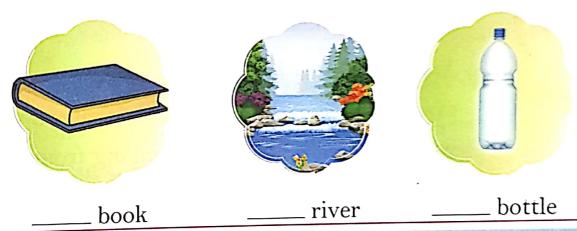


A, An and The

Warm-up

Fill in the blanks with a or an.





There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. The letters a, e, i, o and u are called vowels. All the other letters are called consonants.

We use a before singular nouns which begin with a consonant sound.

For example: a cat, a parrot, a school.

We use an before singular nouns which begin with a vowel sound.

For example: an engine, an owl, an eel.

A. Write a or an before these nouns. 1. _____ cup 3. ____ apple 5. ____ egg

7. _____ window

9. _____aeroplane

2. _____ umbrella

4. _____ table

6. _____ arm

8. _____ mango

10. _____ classroom

B. Read the story and fill in the blanks with a or an.

A Talking Parrot



Yesterday was sunny day. My father took me to
the zoo. We carried bag. In the bag we carried
apple, orange, bunch of bananas,
some grapes and fruit cake.

At the zoo, I saw three elephants eating grass in _____ big shed. After that we watched ____ monkey swinging from

one branch to another. It was having _____ lot of fun.

There were many birds at the zoo. We saw _____ owl. It had big eyes. ____ green parrot was talking to _____ old man who was standing near its cage.

There was _____ large bird near by. My father told me it was _____ ostrich. It had just laid _____ egg. The egg was very big in size.

We heard the parrot telling the old man, 'Hello! What _____ big bird that is! What _____ big egg that is!'



We use the when we talk of a particular person, place, animal or thing. For example,

- The parrot in that cage can talk.
- The boy in the red shirt is my cousin.
- The cows are grazing in the meadow.
- We use the when the same noun is used again. For example,
 - I saw an elephant. The elephant was eating grass.
 - I went to a restaurant. The restaurant is close to my house.
- We use the when there is only one thing of its kind. For example, the sun, the moon, the earth, the sky.
- We use the before the names of rivers, famous books, famous buildings, etc. For example, the Taj Mahal, the India Gate, the Bible, the Ganga, the Yamuna.

C. Write the where it is needed. Put a cross (x) where it is not required.

- 1. I play with my friends in _____the_ playground near my house.
- 2. My granny tells me stories from ______ Ramayana.
- 3. There is a new student in my class. _____ student has come from _____ China.
- 4. _____ Qutub Minar is located in south Delhi.
- 5. _____ Ganga is a long river.
- 6. A dog was barking at a stranger. _____ dog belongs to my friend.



 Note: We do not use the before names of countries and people.



D. Read the story and fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

A Fox Without a Tail

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One day fox was caught in trap. It pulled and pulled till it became free. But its beautiful tail was cut off fox was very sad. 'How ugly I look!' wept fox, ' other foxes
will laugh at me!'
Then clever fox thought of idea. It called meeting of the foxes. The fox said, 'Friends, why should we carry these long tails? Let us cut them off and be free of extra weight.'
other foxes saw fox
without its tail. They laughed and said,

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_____ other foxes saw _____ fox without its tail. They laughed and said, 'You liked your tail at first. Now that you have lost yours, you want us to lose ours too.'

E. Read the verse and fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

I looked up at _____ sky,

And saw _____ eagle flying high.

When _____ eagle began to dive,

All _____ mice ran to save their lives!



