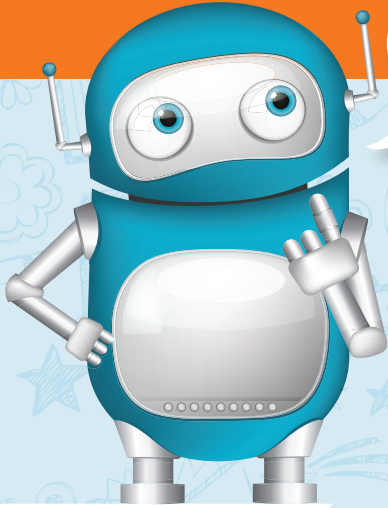


# Plurals



What is a plural?

## Recap

**Plural** means 'more than one'. **Singular** means 'only one'. There are rules for spelling plural words.

## Revise

For most words, to change a word from singular to plural, you add an **s** on the end. However there are a lot of exceptions to this rule! Here are some examples:

### Add **es**

when the word ends in **ch**, **sh**, **ss**, **x** or **o**.

Singular	Plural
church	churches
wish	wishes
dress	dresses
box	boxes
potato	potatoes

### Add **es** and change **y** to **i**

when the word ends in **y** with a **consonant** before it.

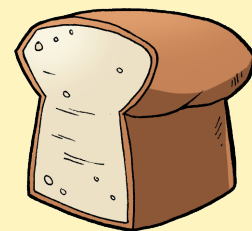
Singular	Plural
party	parties
butterfly	butterflies



### Add **es** and change **f** to **v**

when the word ends in a **f** sound (including **ife**, where the final **e** is not the last sound)

Singular	Plural
half	halves
loaf	loaves
knife	knives



### Or

just learn these irregular plurals – they don't follow the rules!

Singular	Plural
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
person	people



## Tip

Watch out for the irregular plurals that don't follow the rules!

## KEY WORDS

plural  
singular  
consonants