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English lecture

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Lesson 4: **PLURAL FORM**

**Plural form** : refers to a noun that includes more than one of a particular noun

**Examples** : a table → tables

Here , a table means one table but tables means two or more , so table is singular and tables with an « S » at the end is plural

In order to get the plural of a noun , the general rule is just to add an « s » at the end of a noun, but there are some nouns take some change in a plural form .

1- For most nouns we add « s » at the end of the word

Singular form	Plural form
Ball	Balls
Tree	Trees
Hand	Hands

2- For nouns that end with « s,x, z, ch , sh, », add an « es » at the of the word .

Singular form	Plural form
Box	Boxes
Boss	Bosses
Dish	Dishes

3- For nouns end with « o », need « es » at the end

Singular	Plural
Potato	Potatoes
Echo	Echoes
Hero	Heroes

4- Some words end with « f, ife » we need to replace the letter « f », by « v » then we add « es » at the end .

Singular	Plural
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Loaf	loa <b>ves</b>
Half	hal <b>ves</b>
Wife	wi <b>ves</b>
Knife	kni <b>ves</b>

5- But words end with « f », need « s » at the end .

Singular	Plural
Reef	Reef <b>s</b>
Chef	Chef <b>s</b>
Roof	Roof <b>s</b>

6- For common nouns ending with a consonant followed by « y » replace the « y » by « i » then add « es » at the end.

Singular	Plural
Nappy	Napp <b>ies</b>
Fly	Fl <b>ies</b>
Sty	St <b>ies</b>

7- Some nouns are the same in both forms

Singular	Plural
Fish	Fish
Sheep	Sheep
Tuna	Tuna

8- For other words, some letters must be replaced, or added, and sometimes changing the word completely.

Singular	Plural
Child	Child <b>ren</b>
Ox	Ox <b>en</b>
Man	Men

**To conclude the lecture**, in order to get the plural of a singular word, you should pay attention to the singular word before then you apply the necessary rule you have above.