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**Lesson 2: 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

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| **Singular form** | **Plural form** |
| Ball | Balls |
| Tree | Trees |
| Hand | Hands |

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

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| **Singular form** | **Plural form** |
| Box | Boxes |
| Boss | Bosses |
| Dish | Dishes |

1. For nouns end with **« o »,** need **« es »**at the end

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Potato | Potatoes |
| Echo | Echoes |
| Hero | Heroes |

1. Some words end with **« f, ife »** we need to replace theletter **« f », by « v »** then weadd **« es »** at the end .

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Loaf | loaves |
| H alf | halves |
| Wife | wives |
| Knife | knives |

1. But words end with **« f » ,** need **« s »** at the end **.**

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Reef | Reefs |
| Chef | Chefs |
| Roof | Roofs |

1. For common nouns ending with a consonant followed by **« y »** replace the **« y »** by**»i«**than add **« es »** at the end**.**

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Nappy | Nappies |
| Fly | Flies |
| Sty | Sties |

1. Some nouns are the same in both forms

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| **Singular** | **Plural** |
| Fish | Fish |
| Sheep | Sheep |
| Tuna | Tuna |

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

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| Singular | Plural |
| Child | Children |
| Ox | Oxen |
| 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 applicate the necessary rule you have above.