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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.