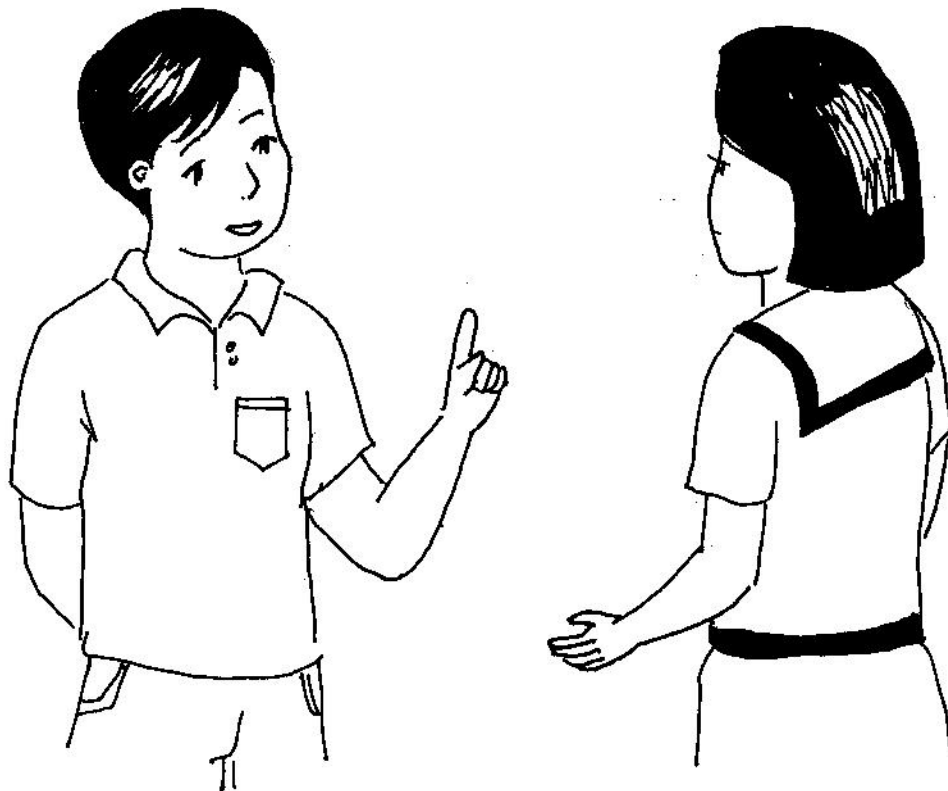


# English

## Using the Plural Form of Nouns





## To the Learner

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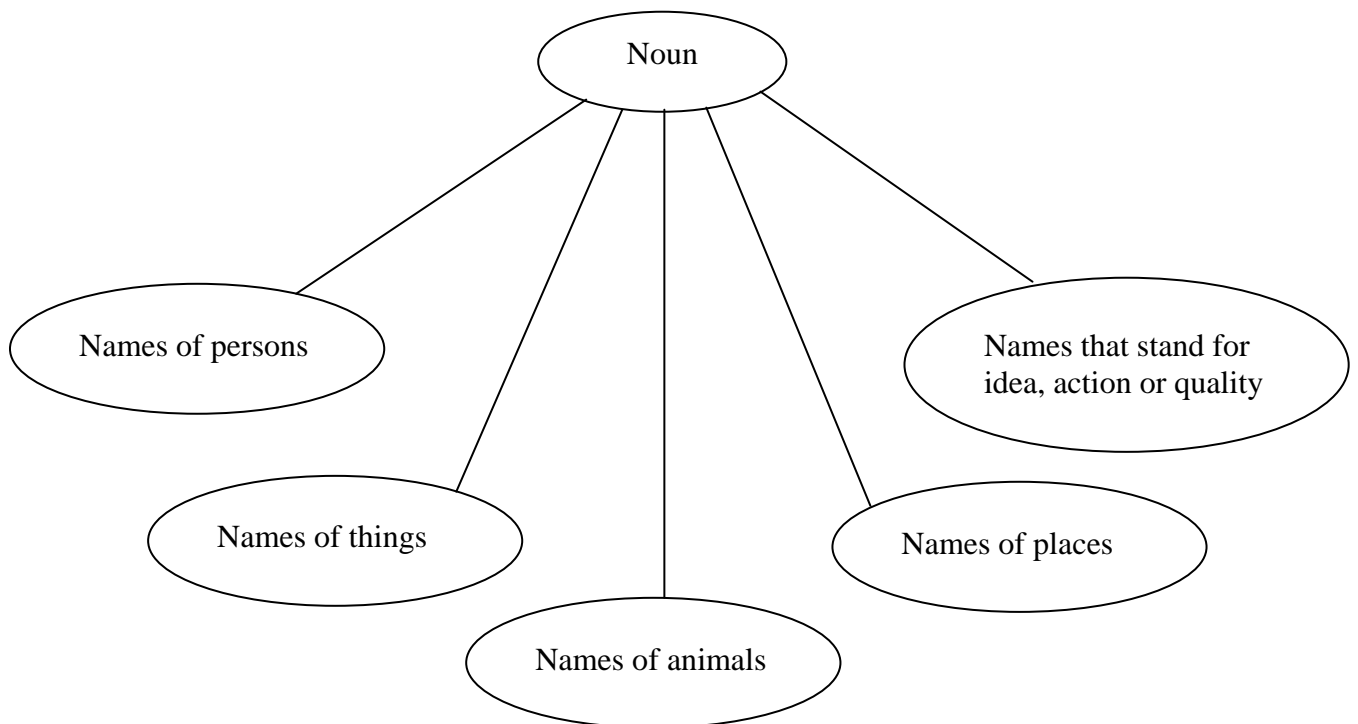
How are you today?

In your previous module you have learned how to use the dictionary. In this module you will learn the plural form of nouns in sentences.



## Let's Learn This

(Look at the Diagram)



This module will help you learn to form plural forms of nouns. A plural noun is a noun that means more than one.



## Let's Try This

Change the underlined words to plural form. Write the answers on your answer sheet. The first one is done for you.

1. The memorial were filled with people.

answer: memorials

Start Here:

2. Maria bought two can of sardines.
3. My niece bought five loaf of bread.
4. The new shelf will be for books.
5. They sell beautiful necklace in the store.
6. We invited two man to conduct the activity.

\* Where your answers like these? (cans, loaves, shelves, necklaces, men)

\* Don't worry if you don't get all the correct answers. This module will guide you in forming plural form of nouns.



## Let's Study This

Read the paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

Linda likes to do household chores. She washes the dishes every night. She also washes the spoons, forks and drinking glasses. She cleans the tables and arranges the chairs. She keeps the boxes of toys inside her cabinet. She puts away things that cannot be used like old shoelaces, broken vases, torn handkerchiefs and sheets of paper.

1. Who likes to do household chores?
2. What does Linda do at home?
3. Do you also help your mother at home?
4. Why is it good to help our parents do the chores at home?
  - How does each underlined word form its plural?
  - What are the rules in forming the plural of nouns?

Notice how the nouns in each group form their plural.

#### Group 1

1. banana – bananas
2. apple – apples
3. book – books
4. table – tables
5. sack – sacks

#### Group 2

1. leaf – leaves
2. loaf – loaves
3. knife – knives
4. life – lives
5. half – halves

- Let us go back to the nouns in group 1 and group 2
  1. In which group are nouns made plural by simply adding s.
  2. In which group are the nouns made plural by changing f or fe to v and adding es?

Nouns made plural by adding – s	
1. chief – chiefs	6. cliff – cliffs
2. pencil – pencils	7. ear – ears
3. belief – beliefs	8. proof – proofs
4. gulf – gulfs	9. meeting – meetings
5. paper – papers	10. club – clubs

Nouns made plural by changing f or fe to v and adding – es
1. wolf – wolves
2. elf – elves
3. calf – calves
4. thief – thieves
5. shelf – shelves

<b>Some nouns ending in <u>e</u> form their plural by adding <u>es</u>.</b>
Example:
1. tomato – tomatoes
2. potato – potatoes
3. mango – mangoes
4. hero – heroes

Nouns ending in s, ss, sh, ch, z and x form their plural by adding <u>-es</u> .	
1. buzz – buzzes	6. bench – benches
2. box – boxes	7. wish – wishes
3. grass – grasses	8. fox – foxes
4. bus – buses	9. beach – beaches
5. dress – dresses	10. mass – masses

<b>Some nouns ending in <u>y</u> form their plural by changing <u>y</u> to <u>i</u> and adding <u>-es</u>.</b>
Example:
1. daisy – daisies
2. supply – supplies
3. family – families
4. city – cities
5. fairy – fairies

Some singular nouns form their plural by changing the spelling of the words. Others remain the same.

<b>Singular Noun</b>	<b>Plural Nouns</b>
man	men
mouse	mice
woman	women
louse	lice
goose	geese
tooth	teeth
foot	feet
sheep	sheep
child	children
ox	oxen



## Let's Do This

A. Direction: Box the correct word inside the parenthesis.

1. There are ( man, men ) working inside the factory.
2. I bought five ( loaf, loaves ) of bread yesterday.
3. All the ( lily, lilies ) in the vase are lovely.
4. I brush my ( tooth, teeth ) three times a day.
5. Are ( elf, elves ) small people?

B. Change the underlined words to plural form. Number 1 is done for you.

1. There are butterfly in the garden.

Answer: butterflies

Start here:

2. The calf are on the farm.
3. Everyday, hundreds of life are in danger because of typhoons and floods.
4. Box of relief goods are given to calamity victims.
5. Lava and ash came out from Mt. Mayon.
6. The leaf scattered on the ground.

\*Finished? Check your answers against the answer key.

\* Write your score inside the ribbon.

\* If your score is 4–5 both in activities A and B you will receive 3 big stars. 

\* If your score is 3 and below both in activities A and B, do your best in the next activity.





## Let's Do More

Give the missing form of each noun. Do this on your answer sheet.

Singular Noun	Plural Noun
Example: potato	potatoes
1. _____	calves
2. louse	_____
3. cliff	_____
4. bus	_____
5. _____	supplies
6. _____	elves
7. banana	_____
8. _____	children
9. man	_____
10. _____	sheep

- \* Are you done? What's your score? \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Clap your hands 3x if you get 8 or 10. Very Good!
- \* If your score is 7 and below challenge yourself in the next activity.



## Let's Remember This

- Most nouns form the plural by adding – s or es.
- Other nouns form the plural in other ways:
  - a. Some nouns ending in o form their plural by adding es.
  - b. Nouns ending in s, ss, sh, ch, z, and x form their plural by adding es.
  - c. Some nouns ending in y form their plural by changing y to i and adding es.
  - d. Nouns ending in f or fe form their plural by changing f or fe to v and adding es.
  - e. Irregular nouns form the plural by changing their spelling.



## Let's Test Ourselves

On your answer sheet, write the correct form of each noun in the parenthesis. Look at the example below.

(child) 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ are playing in the park every afternoon.  
answer: children

Start Here:

- (goose) 2. The white \_\_\_\_\_ are swimming in the pond.
- (wife) 3. Are the \_\_\_\_\_ still waiting for their husbands?
- (leaf) 4. The \_\_\_\_\_ have dried.
- (tooth) 5. I brush my \_\_\_\_\_ three times a day.
- (vase) 6. The flower \_\_\_\_\_ are full of flowers.
- (lily) 7. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden are in bloom.
- (monkey) 8. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the Crocodile Park are very playful.
- (book) 9. The \_\_\_\_\_ were written by Dr. Jose Rizal.



(shelf) 10. The \_\_\_\_\_ have been cleaned.

(grass) 11. The \_\_\_\_\_ are green.

- Are you done?
- Look at the answer key again then check your answers.
- How much did you get?

If your score is 8–10, answer the next module

If your score is 1–7, answer Let's Enrich Ourselves.



## Let's Enrich Ourselves

### Other Poems That Make Us Laugh

Change the underlined singular nouns in these poems into plural.

1. In one poem, Julie Holder wrote

They don't have any stone;  
They don't have any onion;  
They don't have any bone;  
That's why I like to eat a chip.

Singular	Plural

2. An anonymous author wrote:

Singular	Plural

Through the tooth; And past the gum;  
Look out stomach;  
Here it comes;

Look at the answer key again then check your answers.

How much did you get? \_\_\_\_\_

Very Good!

Here's the golden medal for you. Job well done!





## Answer Key

### Let's Do This

- |           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| A. 1. men | B. 1. calves |
| 2. loaves | 2. lives     |
| 3. lilies | 3. boxes     |
| 4. teeth  | 4. ashes     |
| 5. elves  | 5. leaves    |

### Let's Do More

1. calf
2. lice
3. cliffs
4. buses
5. supply
6. elf
7. bananas
8. child
9. men
10. sheep

### Let's Test Ourselves

1. geese
2. wives
3. leaves
4. teeth
5. vases
6. lilies
7. monkeys
8. books
9. shelves
10. grasses

### Let's Enrich Ourselves

1.

Singular	Plural
stone	stones
onion	onions
bone	bones
chip	chips

2.

Singular	Plural
tooth	teeth
gum	gums
stomach	stomachs