

Welland Gouldsmith School

Class – 3

Subject – English Language

Chapter –5

Topic – Singular and Plural.

(SYNOPSIS)

- Nouns that are one in number are called Singular nouns. It tells us about one person, place, animal things.
 - Nouns that are more than one in number are plural nouns.
 - Nouns can be made plural by adding **S**. (**Ex**- boy – boys; girl – girls; tale – tales.)
 - Nouns that end in **ch, sh, s, o, ss** and **x** form their plural by adding **es**. (**Ex**- mango – mangoes; class – classes; box – boxes. some exceptions are : kilo – kilos; photo – photos; piano – pianos.)
 - Nouns that end in **f** or **fe**, are made plural by replacing **f** and **fe** with **ves**. (**Ex**- leaf – leaves; thief – thieves; wife – wives; knife – knives. some exceptions are : chef – chefs; roof – roofs; hoof – hoofs.)
 - In Nouns that end in a consonant before the final y, the **y** is replaced with **ies** to make their plural. (**Ex** – lady – ladies; lorry - lorries; baby – babies)
 - In nouns that end in a vowel before the final y, only an **s** is added to make their plural. (**Ex** – boy – boys; monkey – monkeys; toy – toys.)
 - Some nouns don't follow any rules while forming plural. (**Ex** – woman – women; child – children; tooth – teeth; man – men; ox – oxen; foot – feet; mouse – mice; person – people.)
 - Some nouns don't change in their plural form. (**Ex** – sheep – sheep; luggage – luggage; fish – fish; deer – deer.)
 - Some nouns are always plural. They have no singular form. (**Ex** – spectacles, scissors, pants.)
 - Some plural nouns refer to a group of people, animals or things. (**Ex** – clothes, police, stairs.)
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WORK SHEET

1. Give the plural form of the following nouns.

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| 1. thief - | 7. life – |
| 2. wife - | 8. house – |
| 3. photo - | 9. ox – |
| 4. army - | 10. goose – |
| 5. city - | 11. mouse – |
| 6. giraffe - | 12. fruit – |

2. Give the singular form of the following nouns.

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| 1. women - | 7. postmen – |
| 2. stories - | 8. calves – |
| 3. tomatoes - | 9. ponies – |
| 4. mice - | 10. pens – |
| 5. berries - | 11. potatoes – |
| 6. teeth - | 12. handkerchiefs – |

3. Underline the correct plural noun for each singular noun.

1. **penny** - pennys, pennies, pennyves.
2. **dish** - dishies, dishes, dishes.
3. **cherry** - cherries, cherrys, cherryes.
4. **wolf** - wolfe, wolves, wolfes.
5. **fox** - foxies, foxes, fox.
6. **fly** - flys, flies, flyves.
7. **zoo** - zoos, zooes, zooyes.
8. **aircraft** - aircraft, aircrafts, aircrafts.
9. **chief** - chiefes, chiefs, chieves.
10. **video** - videoies, video, videos.

4. Text Book Exercises :

Do the following exercises from pg -18,19 and 20. (in the text book)

A. Re-write these sentences after correcting the incorrect plurals.

Follow the examples given below -

feet

1. His ~~foet~~ are dirty.

Ans. - His **feet** are dirty.

leaves

2. Trees shed their ~~leaf~~ in autumn.

Ans. - Trees shed their **leaves** in autumn.
