

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

CLASS: V

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TOPIC: NOUNS -NUMBER

Definitions

Singular- When a noun stands for one person, animal or thing, we say that it is in the singular.

Plural- When a noun stands for more than one person, animal or thing, we say that it is in the plural.

Countable nouns- Nouns that we can count are called countable nouns.eg. book, pen,tree.

Uncountable nouns- Nouns that we cannot count are called uncountable nouns.eg. sugar, rice, tea.

Partitive nouns- Sometimes we use an exact measurement like a pinch of, a cup of, a glass of, such expressions are called partitive nouns.eg. a pinch of salt, a glass of water.

Rule 1: Most Singular Nouns form their Plurals by adding –s

Singular	Plural
Bee	Bees
Eye	Eyes
Rose	Roses
Tree	Trees
Bottle	Bottles
Pencil	Pencils
Sticker	Stickers
Boat	Boats
River	Rivers
Chair	Chairs

Singular	Plural
Cow	Cows
House	Houses
Shop	Shops
Year	Years
Cup	Cups
Desk	Desks
Window	Windows
Cat	Cats
Snake	Snakes

Rule 2: Nouns that ends in –s, -ss, -x, -sh, -z, or –ch form their Plurals by adding –es to the Singular

Singular	Plural
Gas	Gases
Glass	Glasses
Brush	Brushes
Bench	Benches
Chruch	Chruches
Moss	Mosses
Wish	Wishes
Witch	Witches

Singular	Plural
Class	Classes
Box	Boxes
Dish	Dishes
Bunch	Bunches
Watch	Watches
Bus	Buses
Pitch	Pitches
Buzz	Buzzes

Rule3: Nouns that ends in–o, make the plural by adding -es

Singular	Plural
Echo	Echoes
Mango	Mangoes
Negro	Negroes
Tomato	Tomatoes

Singular	Plural
Hero	Heroes
Mosquito	Mosquitoes
Potato	Potatoes
Volcano	Volcanoes

Exceptions:

Singular	Plural
Kangaroo	Kangaroos
Radio	Radios
Bamboo	Bamboos
Piano	Pianos

Rule4: Noun that ends in–f - or–fe form their Plurals by changing –f- or –fe into–ves

Singular	Plural
Calf	Calves
Leaf	Leaves
Knife	Knives
Wife	Wives
Wolf	Wolves

Singular	Plural
Half	Halves
Loaf	Loaves
Life	Lives
Thief	Thieves
Elf	Elves

Exceptions:

Singular	Plural
Chief	Chiefs
Hoof	Hoofs
Roof	Roofs

Singular	Plural
Gulf	Gulfs
Proofs	Proofs

Rule 5: Noun that ends in -y, and the -y has a consonant before it, its Plural is formed by changing -y into -ies; as

Singular	Plural
Army	Armies
City	Cities
Duty	Duties
Family	Families
Pony	Ponies
Penny	Pennies
Daisy	Daisies

Singular	Plural
Baby	Babies
Country	Countries
Fly	Flies
Lady	Ladies
Reply	Replies
Spy	Spies
Gallery	Galleries

Exception:

But if the Noun ends in -y, and the -y has a vowel before it, its Plural is formed by adding -s to the Singular

Singular	Plural
Boy	Boys
Essay	Essays
Ray	Rays
Toy	Toys
Way	Ways
Tray	Trays

Singular	Plural
Day	Days
Key	Keys
Monkey	Monkeys
Valley	Valleys
Kidney	Kidney

Rule 6: The following Nouns do not follow any rules.

Singular	Plural
Foot	feet
Man	Men
Tooth	Teeth
Louse	lice

Singular	Plural
Goose	Geese
Mouse	Mice
Woman	Women
Policeman	Policemen

Rule 7: The following Nouns have the same form for the Plural as for the Singular

Singular	Plural
Sheep	Sheep
Dozen	Dozen
Series	Series

Singular	Plural
Deer	Deer
Fish	Fish
Species	Species

Rule 8: The following Nouns have a plural form but Singular meaning:

Mathematics, Politics , News, Measles, Billiards, Athletics .

Rule 9: The following Nouns are always Plural:

Binoculars
Scissors
Pants
Shorts
Headphones
Trousers
Jeans
Glasses

Assignments given below (Q1 to Q3) to be done in your English Language exercise book:

1. Complete the following:

Singular	Plural
River	
	Shops
Bus	
Wish	
	Watches
Life	
Mouse	
	Toys
Sleep	
Berry	

2. Write (U) for uncountable and (C) for countable in front of following nouns:

A. Birds _____

E. Sugar _____

B. Wheat _____

F. Oil _____

C. Eggs _____

G. Money _____

D. Chair _____

H. Soup _____

3. Choose the correct word from the box:

Lightning, Sunshine, Food, Salt, Soup, Coffee

1. A Cup of _____.

2. A flash of _____.

3. A pinch of _____.

4. A morsel of _____.

5. A bowl of _____.

6. A ray of _____.

Note : Assignments to be done in the text 'New Grammar with a smile' book. Page 27 Ex.A(numbers 1 to 15) , Ex.B(numbers 1 to 8) and page 29 Ex.C (numbers 1 to 12).