

Plural and Possessive Nouns

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Singular versus Plural nouns

- Singular noun
 - One person, place, thing, or idea.
 - e.g. student
- Plural noun
 - Two or more people, places, things, or ideas.
 - e.g. students

Rules to Forming Plural Nouns

8. To form the plural of many nouns ending in *f* or *fe*, change the *f* to *v* and add *-es* or *-s*.

- leaf-leaves shelf-shelves life-lives

9. For some nouns ending in *f*, add *-s*.

- motif-motifs belief-beliefs proof-proofs

10. Some nouns have the same spelling in both the singular and the plural.

- series species trout moose

11. The plurals of some nouns are formed in special ways.

- child-children tooth-teeth man-men

Possessive nouns

- Possessive nouns
- Shows ownership. Who or what owns something.

Forming the Possessive of Nouns

1. Singular noun
 - tornado = tornado's
 - Add an apostrophe and s ('s) e.g. tornado's path
2. Plural noun ending in s
 - victims = victims'
 - Add an apostrophe (') e.g. victims' losses
3. Plural noun NOT ending in s.
 - women = women's
 - Add an apostrophe and s ('s) e.g. women's boots

Test

- YOU MUST KNOW ALL THESE RULES AND EXAMPLES FOR THE TEST. YOU MUST EARN: 100%. If you don't then you will be required to write the rules and examples 10 times each.
- **First test** is on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.
- **Second test** is on Wednesday, November 28, 2012.
- **Third test** and **FINAL** opportunity to pass is Thursday, November 29, 2012. If you don't pass you are required to write each rule 10 times, due by Friday, December 7, 2012.