

**1 Most nouns are COUNT NOUNS in English. This means that they have a singular and a plural form. You add -s to form most plurals:**

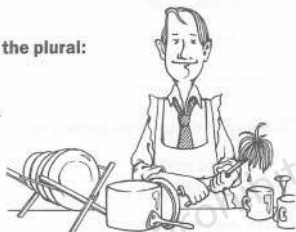
singular

I haven't read a **book** for ages.Where's the **bus stop**?I need a **holiday**.

plural

**Books** are cheap here.We need more **bus stops**.We get three **holidays** a year.

**2 You add -es to nouns ending in -ss, -s, -ch, -sh or -x to make the plural:**

I'm in class **A**.Which **bus** do you take?It's a Swiss **watch**.That's my **dish**.Put the **box** down.I have two **classes** today.There are no **buses** on Sundays.He can repair **watches**.He washed the **dishes**.Where are the **shoe boxes**?He washed the **dishes**.

**You add -es to most nouns in -o:**

Is that a **potato**?I want a **tomato**.I had some **potatoes** for lunch.I don't like **tomatoes**.

(But just add -s to *photo*, *radio* and *piano*)

**3 Nouns ending in consonant + y change to consonant + ies:**

Which **country** are you from?This is a photo of me as a **baby**.We visited ten **countries**.I can hear **babies** crying.

(But for vowel + y, just add -s: *day* – *days*/*boy* – *boys*)

**4 Some common count nouns are irregular. Can you match the singular and plural forms of these nouns?**

women sheep feet men fish mice children teeth people

child \_\_\_\_\_

fish \_\_\_\_\_

sheep \_\_\_\_\_

foot \_\_\_\_\_

man \_\_\_\_\_

tooth \_\_\_\_\_

mouse \_\_\_\_\_

person \_\_\_\_\_

woman \_\_\_\_\_

**5 You use plural nouns without determiners such as *this*, *that*, *the*, *a* to talk about things or people in general:**

My brother doesn't like **spiders**.



Computer games are expensive.



Children start school at the age of 6.



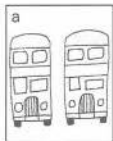
Cars cause pollution.

**A Give the plural of these nouns:**

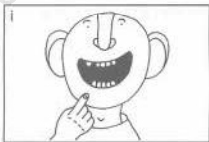
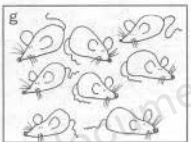
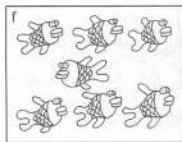
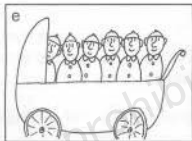
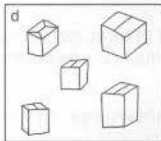
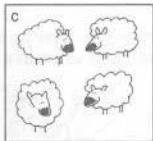
baby	_____	box	_____	child	_____
shoe	_____	shop	_____	day	_____
church	_____	foot	_____	radio	_____
sandwich	_____	city	_____	story	_____

**B Label the pictures using the plural of these nouns:**

photo fish mouse watch tooth bus box baby sheep



two buses

**C Match the sentence parts:**

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Buses are                   | very hard all year.         |
| 2 The bus is                  | a Rolex.                    |
| 3 Women                       | made of paper.              |
| 4 That woman is               | invented a long time ago.   |
| 5 Watches were                | about geography on my desk. |
| 6 My watch is                 | going to the station now.   |
| 7 Most students work          | from near Buenos Aires.     |
| 8 A student in my class comes | work as well as men.        |
| 9 Books are                   | cheaper than taxis.         |
| 10 There is a book            | my neighbour.               |

**D Complete these questions using these words:**

months days day hours hour minutes week weeks year year

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| 1 'How many _____ are there in a _____?'     | 'Seven' |
| 2 'And how many _____ are there in a _____?' | '52'    |
| 3 'How many _____ are there in a _____?'     | '24'    |
| 4 'How many _____ are there in an _____?'    | '60'    |
| 5 'How many _____ are there in a _____?'     | '12'    |