

train(s) bus(es) (singular and plural)

A

The plural of a noun is usually **-s**:

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| <i>singular</i> (= one) | → | <i>plural</i> (= two or more) |
| a flower | → | some flowers |
| a train | → | two trains |
| one week | → | a few weeks |
| a nice place | → | some nice places |
| this student | → | these students |



a flower



some flowers

Spelling (see Appendix 5):

-s / -sh / -ch / -x → -es	bus → buses	dish → dishes
	church → churches	box → boxes
also	potato → potatoes	tomato → tomatoes
-y → -ies	baby → babies	dictionary → dictionaries
	party → parties	
but -ay / -ey / -oy → -ys	day → days	monkey → monkeys
		boy → boys
-f / -fe → -ves	shelf → shelves	knife → knives
		wife → wives

B

These things are plural in English:



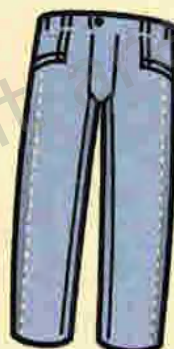
scissors



glasses



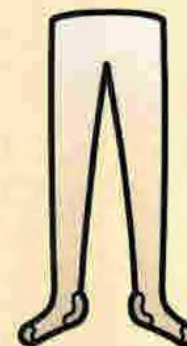
pants



jeans



shorts



tights



pajamas

- Do you wear **glasses**?
- Where **are** the **scissors**? I need **them**.

You can also say **a pair of scissors** / **a pair of pants** / **a pair of pajamas**, etc.:

- I need a new **pair of jeans**. or I need **some** new jeans. (*not* a new jeans)

C

Some plurals do *not* end in **-s**:

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| this man → these men | one foot → two feet | that sheep → those sheep |
| a woman → some women | a tooth → all my teeth | a fish → a lot of fish |
| a child → many children | a mouse → some mice | |

also a **person** → two **people** / some **people** / a lot of **people**, etc.:

- **She's** a nice **person**.
- but ■ **They** are nice **people**. (*not* nice persons)

D

People is plural (= they), so we say **people are** / **people have**, etc.:

- **A lot of people** speak English. (*not* speaks)
- I like **the people** here. **They are** very friendly.

Police is plural:

- **The police** want to talk to anybody who saw the accident. (*not* The police wants)

67.1 Write the plural.

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| 1. flower | <u>flowers</u> | 5. umbrella | _____ | 9. family | _____ |
| 2. boat | _____ | 6. address | _____ | 10. foot | _____ |
| 3. woman | _____ | 7. knife | _____ | 11. holiday | _____ |
| 4. city | _____ | 8. sandwich | _____ | 12. potato | _____ |

67.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



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| 1. There are a lot of <u>sheep</u> in the field. | 4. Lucy has two _____. |
| 2. Gary is brushing his _____. | 5. There are a lot of _____ in the river. |
| 3. There are three _____ at the bus stop. | 6. The _____ are falling from the tree. |

67.3 Are these sentences OK? Change the sentences where necessary.

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| 1. I'm going to buy some flowers. | <u>OK</u> |
| 2. I need <u>a new jeans</u> . | <u>I need a new pair of jeans.</u> OR <u>I need some new jeans.</u> |
| 3. It's a lovely park with a lot of beautiful tree. | _____ |
| 4. There was a woman in the car with two mens. | _____ |
| 5. Sheep eat grass. | _____ |
| 6. David is married and has three childs. | _____ |
| 7. Most of my friend are student. | _____ |
| 8. He put on his pajama and went to bed. | _____ |
| 9. We went fishing, but we didn't catch many fish. | _____ |
| 10. Do you know many persons in this town? | _____ |
| 11. I like your pant. Where did you get it? | _____ |
| 12. Montreal is usually full of tourist. | _____ |
| 13. I don't like mice. I'm afraid of them. | _____ |
| 14. This scissor isn't very sharp. | _____ |

67.4 Which is right? Complete the sentences.

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| 1. It's a nice place. Many people <u>go</u> there on vacation. | go or goes? |
| 2. Some people _____ always late. | is or are? |
| 3. The new city hall is not a very beautiful building. Most people _____ like it. | don't or doesn't? |
| 4. A lot of people _____ television every day. | watch or watches? |
| 5. Three people _____ injured in the accident. | was or were? |
| 6. How many people _____ in that house? | live or lives? |
| 7. _____ the police know the cause of the explosion? | Do or Does? |
| 8. The police _____ looking for the stolen car. | is or are? |
| 9. I need my glasses, but I can't find _____. | it or them? |
| 10. I'm going to buy _____ new jeans today. | a or some? |