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LESSON/ TOPIC: NOUN NUMBER

HANDOUT - 1

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Noun Number refers to the count of a Noun.

A noun standing for one person, place, animal or thing is called a **Singular Noun**.

Examples: a chair, watch, book, lion, girl, child, key.

A noun standing for many people, places, animals or things is called a **Plural Noun**.

Examples: flowers, chairs, watches, books, lions, children, keys.
There are some rules to be followed when changing nouns from Singular to Plural form.

FORMATION OF PLURALS

Rule – 1 Most nouns add -s:

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
teacher	teachers	flower	flowers
school	schools	tree	trees
house	houses	week	weeks
window	windows	soldier	soldiers
aunt	aunts	rose	roses
niece	nieces	street	streets

Rule - 2 Some nouns ending with s, ss, sh, ch and x: Add -es.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
bus	buses	fox	foxes
glass	glasses	box	boxes
brush	brushes	class	classes
church	churches	watch	watches
bench	benches	princess	princesses
grass	grasses	branch	branches

Exceptions: ox – oxen

Rule - 3 Nouns ending in o: Add -es:

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
potato	potatoes	volcano	volcanoes
tomato	tomatoes	echo	echoes
mango	mangoes	hero	heroes
mosquito	mosquitoes	zero	zeroes

**Exceptions: photo - photos, piano - pianos,
radio – radios, memento - mementos**

Rule – 4(a) Nouns ending in Consonant + y: Remove y and add – ies:

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
baby	babies	city	cities
family	families	army	armies
fairy	fairies	story	stories
cherry	cherries	enemy	enemies
puppy	puppies	lady	ladies
grocery	groceries	country	countries
berry	berries	diary	diaries

Rule – 4(b) Nouns ending in Vowel + y: Add -s

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
toy	toys	donkey	donkeys
boy	boys	storey	storeys
valley	valleys	key	keys
chimney	chimneys	ray	rays

Rule - 5 Nouns ending in f or fe: Remove f or fe and add -ves.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
wife	wives	wolf	wolves
life	lives	knife	knives
leaf	leaves	shelf	shelves
scarf	scarves	half	halves
calf	calves	thief	thieves
loaf	loaves	elf	elves

**Exceptions: roof - roofs, chef – chefs,
chief - chiefs, cafe – cafes.**

Rule – 6 Irregular Plural: Some Nouns do not follow any specific rules while changing in number. Few change the inside vowels.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
child	children	person	people
man	men	woman	women
tooth	teeth	foot	feet
goose	geese	mouse	mice

Rule – 7 Some Nouns don't change at all when they change to Plural.

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
sheep	sheep	deer	deer
money	money	furniture	furniture
water	water	hair	hair

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