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Explanations

- Spelling rules for regular noun plurals

One vowel, one consonant

cat cats || *bed beds*

ss, sh

glass glasses dish dishes ||

Words ending

in **ch**

match matches watch watches

Words ending in **x**

box boxes fax faxes

Words ending in **o** ||

potato potatoes tomato tomatoes

Words ending in consonant and **y**

family = families

Words ending in vowel and **y**

donkey = donkeys ||

Words with final consonant

knife = knives life = lives thief = thieves

leaf = leaves

- Irregular noun plurals

Some nouns have irregular plurals or do not change.

man ≡ *men*

Woman = *women*

child = *children*

tooth = *teeth*

Mouse = *mice*

foot = *feet*

- No change

Some words have the same singular and plural.

sheep *sheep*

fish *fish*

Some words are always plural.

scissors *a pair of scissors*

trousers / jeans / shorts *a pair of trousers / jeans / shorts*