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## Singular and Plural

A singular word is a word which refers to one thing or group of things. A plural word refers to more than one thing. When singular words become plural they change their spelling slightly to show the difference in their meaning. The way they change depends on what letter they end with in the singular.

one worm

three worms



The plural of most words is formed by adding "s" to the singular. Words ending in "s" and other hissing sounds such as "sh" "tch" "x" and "z" take "es" to form the plural.

dress - dresses	box - boxes
waltz - waltzes	dish - dishes
watch - watches	

1. Words ending with "ch" take "es" if the sound is soft. (*church - churches*)
2. If the "ch" has a hard sound, you just add "s" (*monarch - monarchs*)
3. If the sound is followed by an "e", just add an "s" (*rose - roses*)

- Words ending in 'Y'

If there is a vowel before the "y" just add "s" to form the plural.

If there is a consonant before the "y" change the "y" to "i" and add "es".

boy - boys
toy - toys
donkey - donkeys
tray - trays

country - countries
jelly - jellies
robbery - robberies
memory - memories

- Words ending in 'O'

Most words ending in "o" make their plural by adding "s". Some words do end in "oes" in the plural. There is no rule to help you to tell which words end in "oes", you just have to try to remember them (*piano - pianos, buffalo - buffaloes*).

**Your Task:** Write down twenty things you see around you in the singular and plural form.