

Count Nouns

Count nouns have singular and plural forms and can be counted.

How do you pluralize count nouns?

1. By adding -s or -es

one phone, two phones
one dog, two dogs
one shirt, two shirts

2. Plural only nouns

Clothes
Pants
Jeans
Shorts
Pajamas
Scissors
Sunglasses
Eyeglasses
Trousers

3. If the noun ends in "-y," change the "-y" to "-ies" to make it plural.

one family, two families
one party, two parties

However, if a vowel precedes (comes before) the "-y," add just an "-s" to make it plural.

one toy, two toys
one donkey, two donkeys

4. If the noun ends in "-o," add "-es" to make it plural.

one potato, two potatoes
one tomato, two tomatoes

If a vowel comes before the letter "o", just add s
One scenario, two scenarios

5. If the noun ends in "-f" or "-fe," change the "-f" to a "-v" and add "-es."

one thief, two thieves
one hoof, two hooves

One wife, two wives
One knife, two knives

6. Some count nouns have irregular plural forms. Many of these forms come from earlier forms of English. (We'll have a separate topic on irregular plural nouns in the future. There's more to discuss about it.)

one foot, two feet
one person, two people
one tooth, two teeth

Exercise:

Give the plural form of the underlined words:

1. The men brought their wife with them to the party.
2. The people value the life of each and everyone.
3. The child are all playing on the fields.
4. The church were built in 1871.
5. The person all voted for the vice president.
6. The baby were all crying in the nursery.
7. The chef had the knife sharpened.
8. The show featured all different scenario that they are facing.
9. Mosquito are carriers of diseases.
10. I saw two great big turkey on the farm.