

Irregular Plurals

Generalization Some plurals are formed by adding **-s** or **-es**: **roofs**, **potatoes**. Sometimes the spelling of the singular form changes: **loaves**. Some words do not change at all.

Word Sort Sort the list words to show how the plural was formed.

Add -s

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

Add -es

10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Challenge Words

Add -s

21. _____
22. _____

Add -es

23. _____
24. _____

Change singular form

13. _____
14. _____
15. _____
16. _____
17. _____
18. _____

Make no change

19. _____
20. _____

Spelling Words

1. videos
2. teeth
3. potatoes
4. themselves
5. lives
6. leaves
7. cliffs
8. roofs
9. halves
10. moose
11. radios
12. sheep
13. cuffs
14. beliefs
15. patios
16. banjos
17. tornadoes
18. tomatoes
19. hoofs
20. loaves

Challenge Words

21. portfolios
22. embargoes
23. handkerchiefs
24. calves
25. lassoes



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leaves	cliffs	roofs	halves	moose
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banjos	tornadoes	tomatoes	hoofs	loaves

Words in Context Write a list word to complete the sentence.

1. When the siren sounded, people turned on their _____. 1. _____
2. The weather report warned that _____ were on the way. 2. _____
3. Then the _____ on the trees began to sway. 3. _____
4. Tiles began flying off _____. 4. _____
5. Some people were so frightened that their _____ chattered. 5. _____
6. After the storm, people walked out onto their _____. 6. _____
7. They wanted to see the damage for _____. 7. _____
8. The tornado had divided the town into two _____. 8. _____
9. In one half, the houses were stacked up like _____ of bread. 9. _____
10. In the other half, even _____ on their vines had not been 10. _____
disturbed.
11. The neighbors pushed up their _____ and went to work. 11. _____
12. Everyone was grateful that no _____ had been lost. 12. _____

Definitions Write the list word that matches the definition.

13. values and ideals 13. _____
14. stringed instruments 14. _____
15. steep rocks 15. _____
16. pictures on monitors 16. _____
17. large members of the deer family 17. _____
18. starchy foods with dark skins 18. _____
19. horses' feet 19. _____
20. wooly animals 20. _____



Home Activity Your child wrote irregular plural words. Say the singular form of each spelling word. Ask your child to say and spell the plural form.

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Proofread an E-mail The computer's spelling and grammar check isn't working. Circle five misspelled words. Add the missing period.

Dear CityPal95,

Today I went to herd sheep with my cousin. Later, we dug up some potatoes. In the afternoon, we climbed the cliffes by the river. When we got to the top, we saw some mooses. They shook their antlers and stamped their hoofs. Then thay ran away.

Tomorrow we're going to a picking party. That's when everyone gets together to play guitars, banjos, and fiddles.

Have you seen any good videoes lately?

Later,
CountryMouse96



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- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | |

Proofread Words Circle the plural word that is spelled correctly. Write it on the line.

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|----------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 6. rooves | roofes | roofs | 6. _____ |
| 7. teeth | toothes | tooth | 7. _____ |
| 8. radioes | radios | radis | 8. _____ |
| 9. loafes | loaves | loafes | 9. _____ |
| 10. potatos | potates | potatoes | 10. _____ |
| 11. themselves | themselfs | themselves | 11. _____ |
| 12. cufes | cuffs | cuffes | 12. _____ |

Frequently Misspelled Words

- they
- went
- said



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled irregular plural words. Say each spelling word. Ask your child to explain how the plural was formed.

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Word Search The ten list words in the box are hidden in the puzzle. Circle and write each word you find. Words are across, down, and diagonal.

T O R N A D O E S X P B
 L O A V E S P V S Q O A
 V I D E O S U A K H T N
 H O O F S L T U T N A J
 Z Z L U T E I R D I T O
 T H E M S E L V E S O S
 M U V X K V U N E A E S
 K Q E M O O S E G S S S

tornadoes
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- _____
- _____
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- _____

Word Clues Write the list word that best answers the clue.

- We can be very saucy! _____
- I end sleeves. _____
- The first set is lost. _____
- We all think alike. _____
- Two make a whole. _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Home Activity Your child has learned to read, write, and spell irregular plural words. Take turns quizzing each other on spelling the words. Make a few mistakes for your child to correct.