## **Plurals**

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What is a plural?

**Plural** means 'more than one'. **Singular** means 'only one'. There are rules for spelling plural words.

## **B** Revise

For most words, to change a word from singular to plural, you add an **s** on the end.

There are other ways to change singular to plural.

For example, when the word ends in **ch**, **sh**, **ss**, **x** or **o**, you add **es**.

| Singular  | Plural             |
|-----------|--------------------|
| balloon   | balloon <b>s</b>   |
| mug       | mug <mark>s</mark> |
| chocolate | chocolate <b>s</b> |
| book      | books              |



| Singular       | Plural          |
|----------------|-----------------|
| chur <b>ch</b> | churches        |
| di <b>sh</b>   | dish <b>es</b>  |
| dress          | dress <b>es</b> |
| fox            | foxes           |
| tomato         | tomatoes        |



When the word ends in **y** with a consonant before it, you add **es** and change **y** to **i**.

If the word ending in **y** has a vowel before it, add **s**.



There are some irregular plurals that don't follow the rules!

| Singular                             | Plural              |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ba <b>by</b> (b is a consonant)      | bab <b>ies</b>      |
| par <b>ty</b> (t is a consonant)     | parties             |
| butterf <b>ly</b> (l is a consonant) | butterfl <b>ies</b> |
| toy (o is a vowel)                   | toys                |
| b <b>oy</b> (o is a vowel)           | boy <b>s</b>        |

| Singular | Irregular plural |
|----------|------------------|
| child    | children         |
| sheep    | sheep            |