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**Subject :- singular and plural**

**singular and plural :-** We will talk about two subjects related with them: their definitions and types.

**A:-We have many definitions of negation and can be mentioned as follows**

- A Singular noun means there is one of them .For example :

Car

- A plural noun means there is more than one . For example :

Cars

- A Singular noun names one person , place , thing , or idea .For example : book -

A plural noun names more than one person , place , thing , or idea . For example :  
books

**B:- We have many types of plural nouns that can be explained as follows :-**

**1- Regular plural nouns:-**

You may know that a noun identifies a person , place , thing , or idea . There are a few basic rules to remember when it comes to change a singular noun into a plural noun :-

**A- Most singular nouns need an 's' at the end to become plural .For example :**  
book : books , desk : desks

**B- Singular nouns ending in 's', 'ss', 'sh', 'ch', 'x', or 'z' need an 'es' at the end to become plural . For example:**

- bus : buses , class: classes , fox: foxes , pouch: pouches , buzz: buzzes ,  
dish: dishes

**C- Some nouns ending in ('f,fe) the plural is formed by changing 'f,fe' into 'ves' . For example :**

**Wife / wives**

**D- Some nouns ending in 'Y' and the 'y' is preceded by a consonant letter, the plural is formed by changing 'y' into 'i' and then add an 'es'. For example :**

**lady / ladies**

**E- Some nouns ending in 'Y' and the 'y' is preceded by a vowel letter (a, e, i, o, and u) , the plural is formed by adding's'. For example :**

**boy / boys**

**F- Some nouns ending in 'o' and the 'o' is preceded by a vowel letter, the plural is formed by adding 's'. For example :**

**zoo / zoos**

**G- Some nouns ending in 'o' and the 'o' is preceded by a consonant letter, the plural is formed by adding 'es'. For example :**

**hero /heroes**

## **2- Irregular plural nouns:-**

**A- To form the plural nouns , does not add 's' or 'es' at the end of noun but by changing the form of noun . For example :**

**Man: men , woman: women , child: children , tooth: teeth, foot: feet , goose: geese , ox: oxen , mouse: mice , lice : louse , penny :pence, toothbrush: toothbrushes**

**B- Some nouns have the same form in both singular and plural . For example :  
sheep , deer**

**C- The following nouns are always singular :**

**Furniture , dirty , news , luggage , information , advice , character , brains , and machinery**

**D- The following nouns are always plural :**

**Goods , trousers , people , police , glasses , shoes , scissors , socks , and cattle .**