

Homework Week beginning 7th September 2020

Regular and irregular noun plurals

Rules

- To make regular nouns plural, add -s to the end. **Example cat/cats**
- If the singular noun ends in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x or -z add -es to make it plural. **Example bus/buses**
- In some cases, singular nouns ending with -s or -z require that you double the -s or -z before you add the -es to make the noun plural. **Example gasses**
- If the noun ends with -f or -fe, the f is often changed to -ve before adding the -s to form the plural. **Example wolf/wolves.** *There are some exceptions though; roof/roofs, belief/beliefs, chief/chiefs and chef/chefs.*
- If the singular noun ends in a -y and the letter before the -y is a consonant, change the ending to -ies to make the plural. **Example puppy/puppies**
- If the singular noun ends in a -y and the letter before is a vowel add -s to make the plural. **Example boy/boys**
- If the singular noun ends in -o, add -oes to make the plural. **Example tomato/tomatoes** *There are some exceptions though; photo/photos, piano/pianos, halo/halos*
- Some nouns do not change at all when they are pluralised. **Examples deer, fish** - you must read and think about these words in the context of what you are reading for example. *'Mrs shoulder caught a fish but Mrs Oakes caught three fish.'*

Using the rules above make the singular nouns plural.

<u>house</u>	<u>girl</u>	<u>lady</u>
<u>footballer</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>daddy</u>
<u>potato</u>	<u>sheep</u>	<u>lunch</u>
<u>table</u>	<u>volcano</u>	<u>tornado</u>
<u>mango</u>	<u>enemy</u>	<u>elf</u>
<u>library</u>	<u>buzz</u>	<u>loaf</u>