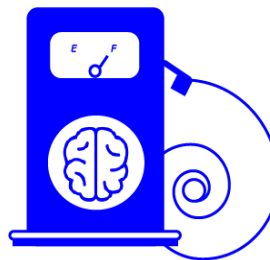


ESL – LESSON 3 PRACTICE 1.2

Learning English Basics

Plural Rules for Nouns
Regular and Irregular Nouns



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Regular Nouns

1. Most nouns add s			
desk → desks	car → cars	toy → toys	day → days
2. Nouns ending in whisper sounds –s –sh –ch –z –x add es			
class → classes	quiz → quizzes	watch → watches	wish → wishes
3. Nouns ending in –f → v +es *There are several exceptions: roofs, beliefs, cliffs			
wife → wives	wolf → wolves	scarf → scarves	knife → knives
4. Nouns ending in –y → ies			
story → stories	baby → babies	fry → fries	pony → ponies
5. Nouns ending in –o			
❖ Some nouns: add es .			
❖ For foreign words or shortened words: add s			
potato → potatoes	hero → heroes	auto → autos	tattoo → tattoos

Irregular Nouns

1. Several nouns don't change in plural. (Mostly things found in groups.)			
fish → fish	deer → deer	sheep → sheep	shrimp → shrimp
2. Latin or Greek nouns:			
❖ ending in –us → i			
❖ ending in –sis → ses			
❖ ending in –um or –on → a			
cactus → cacti	crisis → crises	bacterium → bacteria	phenomenon → phenomena
3. Some nouns are COMPLETELY irregular! We just have to remember them!			
man → men	child → children	foot → feet	mouse → mice
woman → women	person → people	tooth → teeth	goose → geese