

ESL – LESSON 5 PRACTICE 1.2

Learn English Basics

Some nouns have different meanings between their singular and plural forms.

Here are some examples below:



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<p>Air – atmosphere “Smell that fresh air.”</p> <p>Airs – affected manners to impress others “She began to put on airs and bossed us around.”</p>	<p>Arm – upper limbs of the body “He fell and broke his right arm.”</p> <p>Arms – weapons and ammunition “The criminals surrendered by force of arms.”</p>
<p>Blind – unable to see “Guide dogs are for the blind.”</p> <p>Blinds – a protective covering to shield light “Please close the window blinds.”</p>	<p>Regard – careful thought or attention “She has no regard for the welfare of others.”</p> <p>Regards – best wishes, express respect “He sends his warm regards.”</p>
<p>Good – morally right; benefit or advantage of “To be a power for good.”</p> <p>Goods – merchandise, portable property “They import luxury goods.”</p>	<p>Moral – a lesson, of right and wrong behavior “The moral of the story.”</p> <p>Morals – rules of conduct “He has no morals.”</p>
<p>Respect – state of being admired, esteem “She has a lot of respect for his work.”</p> <p>Respects – formal compliments, regards “Give my respects to your parents.”</p>	<p>Physic – medicine “He knew the proper physic.”</p> <p>Physics – science of matter and energy “He studied physics in college.”</p>
<p>Cloth – fabric made from wool, cotton, etc. “The dress was made of a bright red cloth.”</p> <p>Clothes – items worn to cover the body “He stripped out of his clothes.”</p>	<p>Custom – a tradition “This is a traditional English custom.”</p> <p>Customs – government office that collect duties “We went through customs on our return.”</p>
<p>Force – strength “The jammed door was opened by force.”</p> <p>Forces – armed troops “She is in one of the military forces.”</p>	<p>Iron – a useful metal “The box is made of metal.”</p> <p>Irons – in shackles or fetters “Irons were necessary for the prisoners.”</p>
<p>Manner – a way or method to do something “She worked in a very efficient manner.”</p> <p>Manners – polite or social behavior “It is bad manners to stare at someone.”</p>	<p>Look – the act of one’s gaze in order to see “Let me get a closer look.”</p> <p>Looks – the appearance of someone or something “He is losing his good looks.”</p>
<p>Pain – physical suffering or discomfort “She’s in great pain.”</p> <p>Pains – careful effort; great care or trouble “He took pains to see that everyone ate well.”</p>	<p>Content – state of peaceful happiness “He seemed very content.”</p> <p>Contents – things that are held or included “They removed the box contents.”</p>
<p>Character – moral qualities of an individual “Lying was not a part of her character.”</p> <p>Characters – people in a novel, play or film “The play’s characters were well developed.”</p>	<p>Wood – hard fibrous material comes from trees “We need more wood for the fireplace.”</p> <p>Woods – an area of land, small forest “The kids were lost in the woods.”</p>