

Irregular Plurals Worksheet

Words that change shape instead of adding -s.

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ASHA expects at least one irregular plural, like feet or men, in the 4-to-5-year l

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Name: _____

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A small group of very old English words make their plurals by changing the word itself rather than adding an ending. Foot becomes feet. Tooth becomes teeth. Mouse becomes mice. A few words do not change at all - one sheep, two sheep. Because there is no rule to apply, each one has to be learned individually.

What to expect: Expect "foots," "tooths," and "mouses" well into the preschool years. Like "goed" for "went," these are overgeneralizations and a sign the child has learned the regular rule. The irregular forms get sorted out gradually between 4 and 7, with the most frequent ones (feet, teeth, children, men) arriving first.

Words That Change

Fill in the blank with the correct plural. These do not take -s.

1. One foot, two ____ .
2. One tooth, many ____ .
3. One man, three ____ .
4. One woman, two ____ .
5. One child, five ____ .
6. One mouse, four ____ .
7. One goose, two ____ .
8. One person, many ____ .
9. One ox, two ____ .
10. One cactus, two ____ .

Words That Stay the Same

These words look exactly the same whether there is one or many.

11. One sheep, five ____ .
12. One fish, three ____ .
13. One deer, two ____ .
14. One moose, four ____ .
15. One shrimp, many ____ .
16. One aircraft, two ____ .
17. One species, three ____ .
18. One series, two ____ .

Find the Mistake

Each sentence has one plural that is wrong. Say the sentence the correct way.

19. I have two foots.
20. The dentist counted my tooths.
21. Three mans are working outside.
22. The childs are on the playground.
23. I saw two mouses in the barn.
24. There are five sheeps in the field.
25. The gooses flew over the pond.
26. How many peoples came to the party?

Answer Key

Words That Change

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| 1. feet | 6. mice |
| 2. teeth | 7. geese |
| 3. men | 8. people |
| 4. women | 9. oxen |
| 5. children | 10. cacti |

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