

Regular Plurals Worksheet

Adding -s or -es to mean more than one.

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ASHA places plural words like birds and toys in the 2-to-3-year band

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The plural -s is usually the very first grammatical marker a child produces, but it hides three different sounds. After a voiceless sound it says /s/ - "cats." After a voiced sound it says /z/ - "dogs." And after a hissy sound it becomes a whole extra syllable, /iz/ - "buses," "dishes," "boxes." Children master them roughly in that order.

What to expect: Plural -s shows up around 2;6 and is fairly reliable by 3;6. The extra-syllable version takes about a year longer, because it changes the shape of the whole word rather than just adding a sound to the end. Words ending in -f that flip to -ves (leaf to leaves) are a small separate group that comes in around 5.

Adding -s

Fill in the blank with the plural form.

1. One cat, two ____ .
2. One dog, two ____ .
3. One book, three ____ .
4. One ball, four ____ .
5. One cup, two ____ .
6. One bird, five ____ .
7. One hat, two ____ .
8. One shoe, two ____ .
9. One tree, three ____ .
10. One car, six ____ .
11. One bike, two ____ .

12. One spoon, four ____ .
13. One apple, three ____ .
14. One flower, ten ____ .

Adding -es (the extra syllable)

These plurals add a whole extra beat to the word. Say each one out loud and clap the syllables.

15. One bus, two ____ .
16. One box, three ____ .
17. One dish, four ____ .
18. One brush, two ____ .
19. One fox, two ____ .
20. One glass, three ____ .
21. One dress, two ____ .
22. One watch, two ____ .
23. One peach, five ____ .
24. One sandwich, three ____ .
25. One beach, two ____ .
26. One horse, four ____ .
27. One nose, two ____ .
28. One puzzle piece, many ____ .

F Becomes V

These words change their ending sound before adding -es.

29. One leaf, many ____ .

30. One wolf, three ____ .

31. One wolf, two ____ .

32. One shelf, four ____ .

33. One wife, two ____ .

34. One loaf, three ____ .

35. One calf, two ____ .

36. One half, two ____ .

Answer Key

Adding -s

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| 1. cats | 8. shoes |
| 2. dogs | 9. trees |
| 3. books | 10. cars |
| 4. balls | 11. bikes |
| 5. cups | 12. spoons |
| 6. birds | 13. apples |
| 7. hats | 14. flowers |

Adding -es (the extra syllable)

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| 15. buses | 22. watches |
| 16. boxes | 23. peaches |
| 17. dishes | 24. sandwiches |
| 18. brushes | 25. beaches |
| 19. foxes | 26. horses |
| 20. glasses | 27. noses |
| 21. dresses | 28. puzzle pieces |

F Becomes V

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| 29. leaves | 33. wives |
| 30. wolves | 34. loaves |
| 31. wolves | 35. calves |
| 32. shelves | 36. halves |