

Most English noun plurals are formed by adding "s" to the singular form. (following the same spelling and pronunciation rules as when adding "s" to a verb.) However, there are exceptions:

<p><b>plural "en":</b> man - men woman - women child - children ox - oxen</p> <p><b>vowel shift</b> mouse - mice louse - lice food - feet goose - geese tooth - teeth</p> <p><b>no change</b>  deer means shrimp fish series species sheep</p> <p><b>two plurals</b> person - persons / people policeman - policemen / police brother - brothers (brethren) cow - cows / cattle</p> <p><b>one-of-a-kind</b> die - dice</p>	<p><b>nouns ending in "o"</b> <u>some add "es"</u> domino - dominoes echo - echoes embargo potato torpedo hero tomato veto <u>but most add only "s"</u> alto - altos auto - autos embryo piano studio kangaroo pimento tattoo kilo pro trio memo radio video photo solo zoo soprano</p> <p><u>and others can do either</u> archipelago - archipelagos/archipelagoes banjo - banjos/banjoes buffalo innuendo tornado cargo manifesto volcano halo mosquito zero motto</p>	<p><b>nouns ending in "f" or "ve":</b> <u>some change to "ves"</u> calf - calves elf - elves half life thief knife loaf wife leaf self wolf shelf</p> <p><u>some just add "s"</u> belief - beliefs chief - chiefs cliff roof proof safe</p> <p><u>and others can do either!</u> dwarf - dwarves/dwarfs hoof - hooves/hoofs scarf wharf</p> <p><u>special cases</u> painting term: still lifes proper names like Toronto Maple Leafs</p>
<b>foreign language plurals</b>		
<p><b>words ending in "um" -&gt; "a"</b> addendum - addenda bacterium - bacteria candelabrum medium stratum curriculum memorandum referendum datum moratorium symposium</p>	<p><b>words ending in "us" -&gt; "i" (or "es")</b> alumnus - alumni cactus - cacti (cactuses) focus nucleus stimulus fungus radius syllabus</p>	<p><b>words ending in "is" -&gt; "es"</b> analysis - analyses basis - bases crisis hypothesis synopsis diagnosis oasis synthesis ellipsis paralysis thesis parenthesis</p>
<p><b>words ending in "on" -&gt; "a":</b> criterion - criteria phenomenon - phenomena</p>	<p><b>words ending in "a" -&gt; "ae" (or "s")</b> alga - algae alumna - alumnae antenna formula larva vertebra</p>	<p><b>words ending in "i/ex" -&gt; "ices" (or "es")</b> appendix - appendices (appendixes) index - indices (indexes) matrix - matrices</p>
<p><b>French words with "eau" -&gt; "eaux"</b> bureau - bureaux (bureaus) tableau - tableaux (tableaus)</p>	<p><b>Italian words ending in "o" -&gt; "i"</b> solo - soli (solos) tempo - tempi (tempo)</p>	<p><b>Hebrew words -&gt; "im"</b> cherub - cherubim (cherubs) kibbutz - kibbutzim</p>