

## 5 Plural Nouns: Spelling and Pronunciation Rules

### PLURAL NOUNS: SPELLING RULES

1	Add <b>-s</b> to form the plural of most nouns.	student chief picture	students chiefs pictures
2	Add <b>-es</b> to form the plural of nouns that end in <b>ss</b> , <b>ch</b> , <b>sh</b> , and <b>x</b> . (This ending adds another syllable.)	class watch dish box	classes watches dishes boxes
3	Add <b>-es</b> to form the plural of nouns that end in <b>o</b> preceded by a consonant. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Add <b>-s</b> to plural nouns ending in <b>o</b> that refer to music.	potato piano soprano	potatoes pianos sopranos
4	Add <b>-s</b> to form the plural of nouns that end in <b>o</b> preceded by a vowel.	radio	radios
5	To form the plural of words that end in a consonant + <b>y</b> , change the <b>y</b> to <b>i</b> and add <b>-es</b> .	dictionary fly	dictionaries flies
6	To form the plural of words that end in a vowel + <b>y</b> , add <b>-s</b> .	boy day	boys days
7	To form the plural of certain nouns that end in <b>f</b> or <b>fe</b> , change the <b>f</b> to <b>v</b> and add <b>-es</b> .	half loaf knife wife	halves loaves knives wives
8	Some plural nouns are <b>irregular</b> .	woman child person mother-in-law man foot tooth	women children people mothers-in-law men feet teeth
9	Some nouns <b>do not have a singular form</b> .	(eye) glasses clothes pants scissors	
10	Some plural nouns are the same as the singular noun.	Chinese fish sheep	Chinese fish sheep