

The Rules of Regular and Irregular Plurals

For most nouns, just add -s		For nouns ending in s, x, z, ch or sh, add -es	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
hand	hands	box	boxes
rabbit	rabbits	pitch	itches
key	keys	wish	wishes
clock	clocks	boss	bosses

For some words ending in o, add -es		However, for some words ending in o, just add -s	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
potato	potatoes	cello	cellos
tomato	tomatoes	disco	discos
hero	heroes	hairdo	hairdos
The plural of many words ending in o can be spelt with -s or -es.		photo	photos
		piano	pianos
		radio	radios

For some words ending in f, change the f to a v and add -es		However, for some words ending in f, just add -s	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
half	halves	chef	chefs
loaf	loaves	cliff	cliffs
self	selves	The plural of some nouns ending in f can be spelt using either variation.	
shelf	shelves		
thief	thieves		
wolf	wolves		

For some nouns ending in ipe, change the f to a v and then add -s		For common nouns that end with consonant + y, change the y to an i and then add -es	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
wife	wives	party	parties
life	lives	fly	flies
knife	knives	penny	pennies

Some nouns are the same in both singular and plural form		For some nouns, change other letters or just change the word completely!	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
fish	fish	person	people
sheep	sheep	child	children
deer	deer	ox	oxen
tuna	tuna	foot	feet
salmon	salmon	tooth	teeth
		mouse	mice
		man	men