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Tricky Plurals!

Special words for more than one

About 30 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

One or Many?

A **singular** noun means one. A **plural** noun means more than one. Most nouns just add -s. **Irregular** nouns change in a special way.

- foot goes to **feet**
- tooth goes to **teeth**
- child goes to **children**
- mouse goes to **mice**
- fish stays **fish**
- person goes to **people**



Key words

singular: one person, place, or thing

plural: more than one

irregular: does not follow the normal rule

noun: a naming word

Task A

Read each **answer**. Write a good **question** that fits it.

The answer is: **feet**

What could the question be?

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The answer is: **children**

What could the question be?

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The answer is: **mice**

What could the question be?

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Find Hidden Plurals

Spot hidden irregular plurals in the puzzle.

Task B /8

Find each hidden **plural** word in the **puzzle**.

S	K	P	E	O	P	L	E	B	F
W	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	I
M	W	T	E	E	T	H	J	N	S
E	O	C	I	J	M	I	C	E	H
N	M	J	P	U	C	U	F	C	Y
K	E	T	A	V	B	K	E	J	K
V	N	S	W	E	A	O	E	O	U
G	F	B	E	O	K	J	T	K	T
G	W	F	V	P	G	N	I	I	J
I	C	H	W	G	D	V	G	S	G

- ☐ CHILDREN
- ☐ PEOPLE
- ☐ TEETH
- ☐ WOMEN
- ☐ FEET
- ☐ MICE
- ☐ FISH
- ☐ MEN

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Pull Both Sides

Think hard about a tricky plural choice.

Task C

Think about both sides. Write pulls, then answer the What if question.

The class poster says: Three ___ love to read. Should you write childs or children?

Write childs — **Write children**

What if...?

Always True?

Decide if each plural idea is always true.

Task D /3

Circle always, sometimes, or never. Show your thinking with an example.

Statement	Always	Sometimes	Never
The **plural** of foot is feet.			
Convince me: _____			
The **plural** of mouse is mouses.			
Convince me: _____			
Adding -s makes a **plural**.			
Convince me: _____			

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Show Your Thinking

Rank plurals and climb the question ladder.

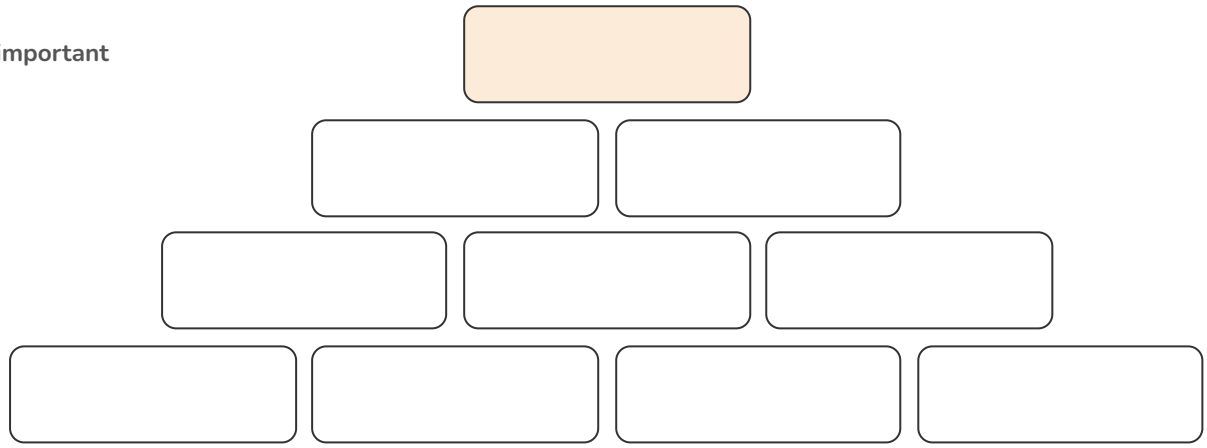
Task E

Rank the plurals you use most. Put the best one in the top box.

rank these **irregular** plurals from most to least useful

feet | children | teeth | mice | fish | people

Most important



Why is your top choice the most important?

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Task F

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Climb the ladder. Answer from easy to hard.

Remember Write the **plural** of tooth.

Understand Why is childs **wrong**?

Apply Use **feet** in a sentence.

Analyse How are teeth and feet **alike**?

Evaluate Which is **best**: foots or feet? Why?

Create Write a short **story** with children and mice.

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can say irregular plurals like feet and teeth. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can match singular nouns to their plural forms. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can use irregular plurals in sentences. ☹ 😐 ☺

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Answer sheet: Tricky Plurals!

Task A

Answers will vary, e.g. feet → What do you call more than one foot? children → What do you call more than one child? mice → What do you call more than one mouse?

Task B



Words: CHILDREN, PEOPLE, TEETH, WOMEN, FEET, MICE, FISH, MEN (see the grid)

Task C

Answers will vary, e.g. We learned child becomes children.

Task D

1. Always (Two feet, ten feet - it is always feet.)
2. Never (More than one mouse is always mice.)
3. Sometimes (Cat adds -s, but tooth becomes teeth.)

Task E

Answers will vary.

Task F

1. teeth
2. Child is irregular, so more than one is children.
3. My feet are cold.
4. Both change oo to ee to make the plural.
5. Feet is best because foot is irregular.
6. Any short story using children and mice correctly.

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