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Nouns: Singular and Plural



THINK



Critical Thinking



Problem Solving and Decision Making

Arrange the nouns from these sentences in the correct columns.

1. The teacher asked us to get crayons and boxes for the project.
2. We saw many monkeys on a tree.
3. There were benches in a circle for people to sit on.
4. She painted the wall a bright yellow colour.
5. The pastries were made by my grandfather.



one	many
teacher	crayons
project	boxes
tree	monkeys
circle	benches
wall	people
colour	pastries
grandfather	

LEARN

Nouns that show one are called singular nouns.

Nouns that show more than one are called plural nouns.

We have learnt that singular nouns can be changed into their plural forms by adding -s, -es, -ies or -ves.

PRACTISE

A. Write the correct plural forms to complete these sentences.

1. The wolf is sleeping.

The wolves are sleeping.

2. She ate an egg and a berry.

She ate two eggs and eight berries.

3. Do you have the video from yesterday?

Do you have the videos from yesterday?

4. His daughter is wearing a pretty dress.

His daughters are wearing pretty dresses.

5. Daniyal sold off his watch.

Daniyal sold off his watches.

6. We went to the church.

We visited a few churches.

7. The painter bought a special brush.

The painter bought some special brushes.



LEARN

The following pairs of words cannot be changed from singular to plural by using -s, -es, -ies or -ves.

singular	plural
man	men
woman	women
child	children
ox	oxen

singular	plural
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
mouse	mice
goose	geese

Plural forms that change almost completely, are called irregular plurals.

PRACTISE



B. Rewrite these sentences using the plural forms of the nouns.

1. He is cutting a cake.

They are cutting cakes.

2. The man is reading a story.

The men are reading stories.

3. The child is eating a sandwich.

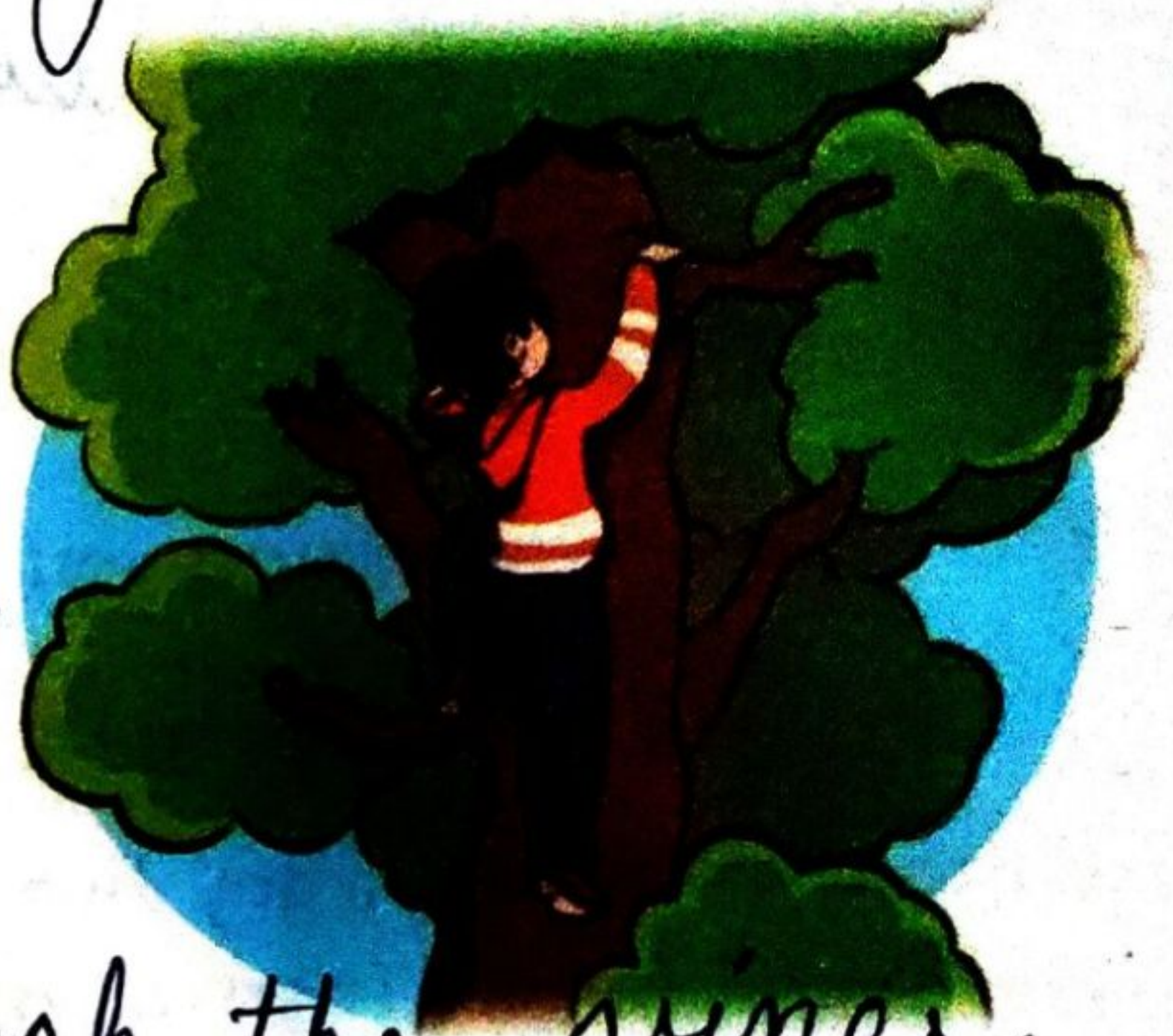
The children are eating sandwiches.

4. The house is beside Nehru Park.

The houses are beside
Nehru Park.

5. The boy is climbing the tree.

The boys are climbing
the trees.



6. The fox tried to reach the vine.

The foxes tried to reach the vines.

7. The child did not win the match.

The children did not win the matches.

8. The baby was crying loudly.

The babies were crying loudly.

9. The calf was treated by the best surgeon.

The calves were treated by the best
surgeons.

10. The passenger travelled by the slow ferry.

The passengers travelled by the slow
ferries.

11. He washed his brush.

They washed their brushes.

C. State the plural forms of these commonly used words.

singular	plural
1. die	dice
2. ox	oxen
3. mouse	mice
4. tooth	teeth
5. foot	feet
6. goose	geese
7. child	children
8. woman	women



PLAY



Critical Thinking



ICT Skills

Your teacher will assign you one of these fun topics.



food

games

music

nature

vehicles

Write the names of any five objects related to your topic in their singular and plural forms. Then, all of you with the same topic may sit together and use a dictionary to check your answers.

Nature

1. tree - trees
2. flower - flowers
3. leaf - leaves
4. river - rivers
5. bird - birds

Vehicles

1. car - cars
2. bus - buses
3. truck - trucks
4. bicycle - bicycles
5. train - trains