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Nouns: Number



THINK



Critical Thinking



Life Skills
and Values

Replace the pictures in the passage with words.

One day, some  children were playing with a litter

of  puppies. The animals were adorable. They got

 cookies to eat and  milk to drink. The

 children also got  toys for the

 puppies to play with.

LEARN

Singular and Plural Nouns

Singular and **plural** nouns refer to the number of a person, animal or thing.

- The **man** repaired the **truck**. (**singular**)
- The **men** repaired the **trucks**. (**plural**)

You have learnt the various ways in which singular nouns are changed to plural nouns and vice versa.

REMEMBER

Some singular nouns ending in 'f' do not change to 'ves' in their plural forms.

- roof—roofs
- chief—chiefs

Uncountable nouns do not have plural forms.

PRACTISE

A. Write the plural forms of the words given below.

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|----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1. chair | <u>chairs</u> | 2. box | <u>boxes</u> |
| 3. beach | <u>beaches</u> | 4. bus | <u>buses</u> |
| 5. wish | <u>wishes</u> | 6. shelf | <u>shelves</u> |
| 7. life | <u>lives</u> | 8. hobby | <u>hobbies</u> |
| 9. key | <u>keys</u> | 10. child | <u>children</u> |

B. Circle the correct forms of the nouns to complete the sentences.

1. The princesses/~~princessies~~ were playing in the garden, hanging from the branches/~~branchs~~ of the old oak tree. They were curious about the kind witches/~~witchies~~. It was said that they helped all people/~~peoples~~ in need. They decided to hide among the shrubs/~~shrubes~~ and wait for them.
2. The washermen/~~washermans~~ are washing the clothes/~~cloths~~ by the river. Their wives/~~wifes~~ are going to work too and their children/~~childs~~ are going to school. The river is very cold, but that is nice because it is summer.
3. There were many babies/~~babyes~~ in the cradles/~~cradelse~~ in the nursery. The nurses/~~nursses~~ fed them bottles/~~bottleses~~ of milk/~~milks~~. The faces/~~facies~~ of the little ones scrunched up in joy as they drank the milk.



C. Rewrite the sentences using the opposite number forms of the words in colour. Make other changes as required.

1. I would like to play that **game**.

I would like to play those games.

2. Ram will buy this **house**.

Ram will buy these houses.



3. Look at this amazing **relic**.

Look at these amazing relics.

4. These graphic **novels** are great.

This graphic novel is great.

5. These **gentlemen** are not from my town.

This gentleman is not from my town.

6. How old are the **puppies** next door?

How old is the puppy next door?



7. Do you want these **trousers** with this shirt?

Do you want these trousers with this shirt?

D. Complete the shopping list given below. Use the words from the box.

sugar
slab

bottle
bar

cartons
bread

honey
sack

1. a bottle of ketchup

3. a sack of rice

5. two loaves of bread

7. a slab of butter

2. a jar of honey

4. a bar of chocolate

6. two cartons of milk

8. a bag of sugar

PLAY



Problem Solving and
Decision Making



Leadership
Skills

- I. Divide the class into two groups. Take turns and choose a singular or a plural noun. The other group then comes up with the noun opposite in number. Play the game for a fixed duration. The group which gives the most answers wins.

