

Plural Nouns Spelling Guide

	Ends in	Rule	Example
1	Most nouns simply take an s, unless they end in the letters listed below.	add s	house – houses garden – gardens pipe – pipes
2	ch	add es	watch – watches match – matches
	sh	add es	brush – brushes dish – dishes
	s	add es	bus – buses lens – lenses
	ss	add es	boss – bosses glass – glasses
	x	add es	box – boxes fox – foxes
3	vowel + y	add s	day – days guy – guys
4	consonant + y	drop y , add ies	sky – skies baby – babies
5	f	drop f , add ves	elf – elves self – selves
	fe	drop fe , add ves	knife – knives life – lives
6	o	add s OR es	echo – echoes hero – heroes piano – pianos kilo – kilos
	oo	add s	zoo – zoos igloo – igloos
7	Some words change completely. (We call these irregular plural nouns .)	no rules	foot – feet mouse – mice woman – women ox – oxen