

Order of teaching

Plural Noun Ending Rules

We will be spending a great deal of time working on plural noun endings. Please keep these rules in mind as you work with your children at home.

1 - Most nouns that end in "ch, sh, s, x, z" - add /es/ to make plural. Example: dish- dishes

2 - Most nouns that end in "y"

- If there is a consonant before the 'y', change to /i/ and add /es/. Example: baby- babies

- If there is a vowel before the 'y', just add /s/.

Example: turkey- turkeys

3 - Most nouns that end in "f" or "fe" - change the /f/ to /v/

and add /es/. Example: wife- wives

Exception- nouns that have /oo/- just add /s/

Example: hoof, hoofs

4 - Most nouns that end in "o" -

- If there is a consonant before the "o" - add /es/.

Example: tornado- tornadoes

- If there is a vowel before the "o" - just add /s/.

Example- studio- studios

- Musical Exceptions- words that are musical-add /s/.

Example- piano- pianos, solo- solos

5 - Some nouns don't change at all. Example- deer-deer

6 - Some nouns change completely- Example- foot-feet

We call those irregular nouns.

7 - Nouns that have hyphens- Change the first word of the hyphen only. Example- son-in-law becomes sons-in-law