

## Plural Rules

The regular plural of nouns is made by adding an S to the end of the word. But there are exceptions to this rule. We call these exceptions **irregular plurals**.

We make the plural of nouns that end in CH, SH, X, or SS by adding ES.

one dress



two dresses

one fox



two foxes

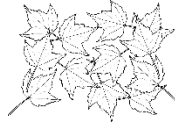
one couch



two couches

We make the plural of some nouns that end in F or FE by changing the F or FE to V and adding ES.

one leaf



two leaves

one elf



two elves

We make the plural of nouns that end in Y not following a vowel by changing the Y to I and adding ES.

one cherry



two cherries

one fly



two flies

And of course, there are many words that just don't follow a rule.

one woman, two women

one child, two children

one sheep, two sheep

one cactus, two cacti

Write the plurals:

knife \_\_\_\_\_

boy \_\_\_\_\_

wish \_\_\_\_\_

miss \_\_\_\_\_

try \_\_\_\_\_

man \_\_\_\_\_

inch \_\_\_\_\_

hand \_\_\_\_\_

box \_\_\_\_\_

girl \_\_\_\_\_

loaf \_\_\_\_\_

pie \_\_\_\_\_