

Plural Noun Showdown

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Teacher Information and Directions

Plural Noun Showdown includes a review of plural noun formation as well as a cooperative learning activity for practicing those skills. The review covers basic rules as well as a brief overview of unusual plural noun forms. Next, students in teams use a set of task cards and individual dry erase boards or chalkboards to practice those skills in an engaging, interactive manner. Finally, there are two quick quizzes for assessing progress.

Advanced Preparation

Be sure to have one dry erase board or chalkboard for each student, along with a marker or chalk. Each team will need one set of Creating Plural Nouns task cards (pages 11 - 14). When you duplicate them, run them off on sturdy paper or cardstock. Duplicate them so that the problems are on one side and the answers are on the back of the cards. You may have to invert or rotate one page to make it work, so make a test copy before duplicating all cards. There are two sets of cards, one with Regular Forms and the other with largular Forms. You may want to duplicate them on different colors to keep them separate. Cut the cards out in advance or allow students to cut them right before use.

How to Use this Lesson:

1. Introduction - Begin by asking students, "What is a noun?"

Let everyone write the definition as well as an example of a noun and hold it up to show you. Use this to assess their prior understanding. Then ask them to write an example of a singular noun and a plural noun. Ask students how we generally change a singular noun to a plural noun (by adding s). Then explain that today you'll review some of the more tricky ways to form plural nouns.

Problems on Front

Creati	ng rui	al Noun	Regular For
birthday	flower	baby	company
brush	wish	puddle	circus
bluejay	puppy	turkey	body
cherry	firefly	sandwich	library

Answers on Back

Creati	ng Plura	al Nouns	Regular Flore Administry
companies	bulnes	flowers	birthdaye
ranses	public	wither	brashes
boder	tukeys	Bobbies	bluejayv
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- 2. Review Regular Plural Nouns Display the Regular Plural Nouns overview pages one at a time. Review each rule individually and ask students to do the "Give It A Try" problems on their dry erase boards. Depending on the grade level and prior knowledge of your students, you can move to step 3, "Irregular Plural Nouns," or skip to step 4, "Plural Noun Showdown Demo."
- 3. Review Irregular Plural Nouns Older students would probably be able to review both regular and irregular noun formation in one day. Younger students may need this lesson taught on a different day. As in Step 2, use the Irregular Plural Nouns overview page and review the various examples.
- Regular Plural Houns Examples

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 • house → house - car -- backetball -2. Add es to nouns ending in s, x, ch, sh, or z · wish + 3. Change the f to v and add s or es · wolf - wolver · brife - brives loaf → loaver
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4. Place boards face down when finished. 5. The Leader says "Showdown!"

Flip over boards and show answers. The Leader turns the task card over to check. Discuss answers that are different and celebrate correct answers.

If everyone had the correct answer, remove the card from the deck. If not, place it at the bottom to repeal later.

Rotate Leaders in a clockwise fashion for each round. Repeat as time allows.

- 4. Using the Dictionary If you have dictionaries in your classroom, take a few minut to explain how to look up the plural forms of various nouns. Pass out the dictionaries and state a word in its singular form. Have students look up the plural form of the word to see how it's displayed in the dictionary. Remind them that it's hard to know all the rules for forming plural nouns, so it's best to use the dictionary to check.
- 5. Plural Noun Showdown Demo Display the Showdown directions (page 10) to review with your students. If you haven't already cut out the cards have students do so now. Choose one team to demo the activity. Designate a person to serve as the first Leader, and make sure students know that the role of Leader will rotate to the left for each round. Talk the group through a few rounds, emphasizing the importance of discussing incorrect answers.
- 6. Plural Noun Showdown As teams begin to play the game, move around the room and observe how they are interacting with each other. Discourage teams from recording points or making this activity competitive in any way. Compliment students and teams that are working together cooperatively.
- 7. Plura Noun Quiz You'll find two variations of both the test and the retest at the end of this packet. One variation is on a full page and provides more room for writing. The other is on a half page to save paper. After using both sets of plural noun cards for Showdown, distribute the Plural Noun Test to each student. The test allows students to check up to three nouns in the dictionary, so you'll want to monitor dictionary usage. If students do poorly on the test, use the Plural Noun Showdown activity again for small group instruction with you or an adult assistant. Use the Plural Noun Retest to assess improvement. Note: If you prefer to create your own quiz, go to WorksheetWorks.com. You can decide which rules to include and the website even prints an answer key!

Classroom Management Note: If you have students who are performing far below their classmates, you may want to pull them out of their teams before doing Showdown. Ask a parent volunteer or an assistant to lead their group. If those options aren't available, work with this group yourself. Showdown is fast-paced and frustrates students who are working well-below grade level if they are kept in mixed-ability teams. They enjoy it when allowed to work with students of similar ability.

Regular Plural Nouns

1. Add s to most nouns

For most nouns, simply add an s to the singular noun.

Examples:

- dog → dogs
- house → houses

- caterpillar → caterpillars
- bicycles



Give It a Try!

- car →
- stamp →

- basketball →
- rose →

2. Add es to nouns ending in s, x, ch, sh, or z

For nouns ending in s, x, ch, sh, or z, add an es to the singular form.

Examples:

- church → churches
- dish → dishes

- tax → taxes
 - guess → guesses



Give It a Try!

- match →
- bus *

- wish →
- hoax →

3. Change the f to v and add s or es

For nouns ending in \mathbf{f} or \mathbf{fe} , change the \mathbf{f} to \mathbf{v} and add \mathbf{s} or \mathbf{es} . Some of these can be tricky, so when in doubt, check the dictionary!

Examples:

- wolf → wolves
- knife → knives

- loaf → loaves
- thief → thieves

- life →
- half →

- elf →
- scarf →

Regular Plural Nouns - Y Endings

4. Drop the y and add ies

For nouns that end in a consonant followed by a Y, drop the "y" and add "ies." This can be tricky because if a vowel comes before the "y," just add "s."

Examples:

- penny → pennies
- sky → skies

- candy → candies
- bully → bullies



Give It a Try!

- butterfly →
- lady →

- city →
- cavity →

5. Add s to words ending in a vowel + v

For nouns ending in "y" with a vowel immediately before the "y," just add "s."

Examples:

- valleys
- monkey → monkeys
- boy → boys
 - 🕶 stray 🗲 strays



- day =
- key 췯

- toy →
- tray →

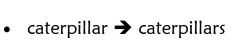
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Irregular Plural Nouns

1. Add s or es to words ending in o

For nouns ending in **o**, add **s** or **es** depending on the word. Some of these can be tricky, so when in doubt, check the dictionary!

Examples:

- potato → potatoes
- tornado → tornadoes
- piano → pianos
- radio → radios

Give It a Try!

- tomato →
- ratio →

- hero →
- tornado →

2. Special Endings

Some plurals, especially foreign words, change their endings in a special way. Memorize those commonly used or check them with a dictionary as needed.

Examples:

- radius -> radii
- medium → media
- analysis 🗕 analyses
 - hypothesis > hypotheses



Give It a Try

- octopus
- crisis

- axis →
- parenthesis →

2. Very Irregular Plurals

Some plurals are significantly different than their singular forms, and some don't change at all! Always check with a dictionary when you aren't sure of the plural.

Examples:

- mouse → mice
- ox → oxen

- deer → deer
- man → men



- child →
- policeman →

- foot →
- sheep →

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- child → children
- policeman → policemen
- foot → feet
- sheep → sheep

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Level 1 Regular Forms

Greating Plural Nouns

company	circus	body	library
baby	bnddle	turkey.	sandwich
flower flower	wish	fddnd	firefly
birthday	brush	Sunday	cherry

Plural Nouns Greating

Level 1 Regular Forms Answers (Back)

birthdays

flowers

companies

brushes

wishes

bnddles

circuses

Sundays

sandwiches

libraries

fireflies (

cherries

Level 2

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FLWI'S, Irregular Forms	leaf tooth child	adio moose mouse	helf	man deer wife
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Level 2 Irregular Forms Answers (Back) potatoes women sheep lives Plural Nouns moose deer feet Greating children wives



Name			
_			
Date			

Plural Noun Test

Write the plural forms. You may use a dictionary for up to 3 items if needed. Circle the problem numbers of the ones you look up in the dictionary.

1. birthday _		14. penny	
2. friend _		15. box	30,
3. sheep _	·	16. card	5
4. valley _		17. butterfly	
5. fly _		18. turkey	
6. berry _	OW	19. bird	
7. church		20. fox	
8. tooth		21. child	
9. watch _		22. leaf	
10. puppy _		23. mouse	
11. toy _		24. wish	
12. computer _		25. woman	
13. baby		Bonus: cactus	

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- 16. card
- 17. butterfly
- 18. turkey
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Name			
Date			

Plural Noun Retest

Write the plural forms. You may use a dictionary for up to 3 items if needed. Circle the problem numbers of the ones you look up in the dictionary.

1. letter		14. wite	
2. snack	·	15. potato	301
3. deer		16. quarter	5
4. key		17. tax	
5. story		18. monkey	
6. class		19. wolf	
7. branch		20. brush	
8. ax	2	21. policeman	
9. patch		22. radio	
10. lady		23. goose	
11. student		24. dish	
12. tree		25. spy	
13. city		Bonus: ox	

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 5. story
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 6. class
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 7. branch
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 8. spy
 2.

 9. patch
 2.

 10. lady
 2.

 11. student
 2.

 12. tree
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 - 14. wife _____
 - 15. potato _____
 - 16. quarter _____
 - 17. tax
 - 18. monkey
 - 19. wolf
 - 20. brush
 - 21. policeman
 - 22. radio
 - 23. goose
 - 24. dish
 - 25 0
 - Bonus: analysis

Plural Noun Retest

13. city

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- 22. radio
- 23. goose
- 24. dish
- 25. spy
- Bonus: ox

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9. patch10. lady11. student12. tree13. city

5. story

6. class7. branch

8. ax

Plural Noun Test

Answer Key

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12. computer	computers	25. woman	women
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3. deer	deer	16. quarter	quarters
4. key	keys	17. tax	taxes
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6. class	classes	19. wolf	wolves
7. branch	branches	20. brush	brushes
8. ax	axes	21. policeman	policemen
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10. lady	ladies	23. goose	geese
11. student	students	24. dish	dishes
12. tree	trees	25. spy	spies
13. city	cities	Bonus: ox	oxen



Common Core Aligned Language Standards

Activities in *Plural Noun Showdown* are aligned with the standards listed below.

2nd Grade

- L.2.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish).
- L.2.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.)



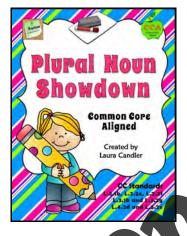
- L.3.1b. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns.)
- L.3.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing. (Use spelling patterns and generalizations (e.g., word families, position-based spellings, syllable patterns, ending rules, meaningful word parts) in writing words. Consult reference materials, including beginning dictionaries, as needed to check and correct spellings.)

4th and 5th Grade

English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

Plural nouns are not specifically stated in 4th and 5th grade. However, students are expected to maintain skills mastered in earlier grades as they demonstrate command of conventions.

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