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Irregular Plurals

Generalization Sometimes plurals are formed in irregular ways: **heroes**, **wolves**.

Word Sort Sort the list words according to the type of plural.

-f or -fe to -ves

other plurals

1. _____

7. _____

2. _____

8. _____

3. _____

9. _____

4. _____

10. _____

5. _____

11. _____

6. _____

12. _____

13. _____

14. _____

15. _____

Spelling Words

1. wolves
2. knives
3. feet
4. men
5. children
6. women
7. sheep
8. heroes
9. scarves
10. mice
11. geese
12. wives
13. elves
14. banjos
15. halves



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wolves	knives	feet	men	children
women	sheep	heroes	scarves	mice
geese	wives	elves	banjos	halves

Classifying Write a list word from the box that belongs in each group.

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| 1. lamb, ewe, _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. forks, spoons, _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. boys, sons, _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. toes, ankles, _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. ducks, swans, _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. daughters, girls, _____ | 6. _____ |

- geese

men

feet

sheep

women

knives

Word Search Puzzle Read the singular form of the word in the box below. Circle the plural of the word in the puzzle.

- wolf

hero

child

scarf

wife

elf

mouse

half

banjo

s c a s e r w o l v e s e
 c m i c o l d c u f s c a
 a b i a n j v e r o c h i
 r f a c w o l e h a l e m
 v o l e e m i c s w o r f
 e b b n w i v e s j m o u
 s e a c f a r v e a l e s
 a r n o h a l v e s n s j
 b a j p d n l f r h e w s
 j m o c u c h i l d r e n
 h a s o s e w o g n i j o

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Home Activity Your child has been learning to spell plural words. Ask your child to name the three list words he or she has the most difficulty spelling. Have your child write these words.

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Directions Use the plural form of each word in () to complete each sentence. Write the word on the line.

- _____ 1. Timmy wasn't like the other (mouse).
- _____ 2. He was missing all his (tooth).
- _____ 3. He couldn't chew into the (loaf) of bread in the bakery where he lived.
- _____ 4. Using his (foot) to pull off tiny pieces of bread didn't work.
- _____ 5. Of course the (woman) who worked in the bakery would never feed him.
- _____ 6. When the delivery (man) came, Timmy would run and hide.
- _____ 7. Timmy finally solved his problem when he saw some (child) dropping crumbs.
- _____ 8. Now he stores the crumbs behind the (shelf) so he can eat them whenever he wants.

Directions Write the plural form of each word below.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9. wife _____ | 15. banjo _____ |
| 10. wolf _____ | 16. elf _____ |
| 11. scarf _____ | 17. half _____ |
| 12. hero _____ | 18. goose _____ |
| 13. cuff _____ | 19. knife _____ |
| 14. calf _____ | 20. sheep _____ |

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Home Activity Your child wrote plurals—words naming more than one person, place, or thing. Ask your child to review the plural forms of the words on the page above. Work together to write a silly poem or song using these and other plural words.

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wolves	knives	feet	men	children
women	sheep	heroes	scarves	mice
geese	cuffs	elves	banjos	halves

Seeing Relationships Write list words to complete the comparisons.

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| 1. arms and hands, legs and _____ | 1. _____ |
| 2. cats and lions, dogs and _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. feet and shoes, necks and _____ | 3. _____ |
| 4. milk and cows, wool and _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. boys and girls, men and _____ | 5. _____ |
| 6. tubas and trumpets, violins and _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. grown and adults, young and _____ | 7. _____ |
| 8. fur and rabbits, feathers and _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. leaders and followers, cowards and _____ | 9. _____ |
| 10. four and fourths, two and _____ | 10. _____ |

Rhyming Plurals Write a list word that rhymes with the underlined word.

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| 11. The _____ on my coat look like <u>puffs</u> of fur. | 11. _____ |
| 12. The _____ in this story live on toy <u>shelves</u> . | 12. _____ |
| 13. We've found _____ in the garage <u>twice</u> . | 13. _____ |
| 14. The _____ put the cattle back in the <u>pen</u> . | 14. _____ |
| 15. They carry _____ on <u>dives</u> in dangerous water. | 15. _____ |

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Home Activity Your child spelled plural words. Name a list word. Ask your child to explain how the plural was formed.

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Proofread a Report Robbie wrote a report about the class field trip. Circle four misspelled words. Write them correctly. Write the verb Robbie should have used in his second sentence.

Our class went to the nature center. We seen sheep, gese, and even some wolves.

The two wemen who showed us around said wolves eat everything from big deer to little field mouses—but not children! Still, I wouldn't wunt to get too close to a wolf.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Spelling Words

wolves
knives
feet
men
children
women
sheep
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geese
cuffs
elves
banjos
halves

Frequently Misspelled Words

clothes
want

Proofread Words Fill in a circle to show which word is spelled correctly. Write the word.

6. Two musicians played _____ for the square dance. 6. _____
 banjoes banjos banjoys
7. We rolled up our _____ and went to work. 7. _____
 cuves cuffes cuffs
8. The _____ helped the shoemaker with his work. 8. _____
 elves elfs elvies
9. My mom has some pretty _____. 9. _____
 scarves scarfs scarvs
10. The police officers were _____. 10. _____
 herros heroes heros



Home Activity Your child identified misspelled plurals. Say the singular form of a list word. Ask your child to spell the plural.

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Irregular Plurals

- To form the plural of most words, add *s* or *es*.
- Some words have **irregular plurals** that do not follow this rule.
- One common type of irregular plural is to change the *f* in the singular word to *v*, then add *s* or *es*.

Directions Change the *f* in the singular word to *v*, then add *s* or *es* to form the plural. Write the plural on the line.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. dwarf _____ | 5. loaf _____ |
| 2. leaf _____ | 6. scarf _____ |
| 3. knife _____ | 7. life _____ |
| 4. hoof _____ | |

Directions Each sentence has an underlined word that takes an irregular plural. Write the irregular plural of the underlined word on the line. Use the box to help you.

children geese mice sheep teeth men women

- | | |
|--|---|
| _____

_____ | 8. You should brush your <u>tooth</u> twice every day.

9. There are roles for seven <u>child</u> in <i>The Sound of Music</i> .

10. You have to shear <u>sheep</u> to get their wool.

11. Cats chase <u>mouse</u> even when they aren't hungry.

12. Many <u>woman</u> have been elected to the U.S. Congress.

13. Many Europeans eat <u>goose</u> instead of turkeys at the holidays.

14. <u>Man</u> in traditional Scottish dress wear kilts, or skirts. |
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Home Activity Your child wrote words with irregular plurals (*mouse, mice*), including words that change from *f* to *v* (*scarf, scarves*). Leaf through the dictionary with your child. Find more words that have irregular plurals and challenge your child to spell them correctly.