

The Noun. Number

1. Большая часть существительных образует множественное число путём прибавления окончания –s (артикль «а» при этом не употребляется): ex. a cup – cups /kʌps/; a pen – pens /penz/; a tie – ties /taiz/.

2. Если существительное оканчивается на:

-s		
-ss		ex. a match – matches /'mætʃɪz/
-x	+ es	a box – boxes /'bɒksɪz/
-sh		a hero – heroes /'hiərəʊz/
-ch		a glass – glasses /glɑ:sɪz/
-o		

3. Если существительное оканчивается на:

-f	f→на v +es	ex. a knife – knives /naɪvz/
-fe		a wife – wives /waɪvz/
		a shelf – shelves /ʃelvz/

4. Если существительное оканчивается на:

y→ на i+es	ex. a city – cities /sɪtɪz/
	a country – countries /kʌntrɪz/

y не меняется, если она стоит после гласной:

ex. a boy – boys /boɪz/; a day – days /deɪz/.

5. Ряд существительных образует множественное число не по общим правилам и являются исключениями:

a man – <u>m</u> en	a sheep - sheep
a woman – <u>w</u> omen /'wɪmən/	a deer - deer
a child – <u>ch</u> ildren	a swine - swine
a tooth – <u>t</u> ee <u>th</u>	
a foot – <u>f</u> ee <u>t</u>	an Englishman - English <u>m</u> en
a goose – <u>g</u> ee <u>s</u> e	a Frenchman - French <u>m</u> en
a mouse – <u>m</u> ice	a German - German <u>s</u>
an ox – ox <u>e</u> n	

a photo – photos
a piano – pianos
a roof – roofs
a safe – safes

a chief – chiefs
a cliff – cliffs

EXERCISES

1. Образуйте множественное число существительных:

a pen, a bush, a house, a lion, a wolf, a key, a play, a lady, a story, a German, a man, a desk, a match, a family, a fox, a room, a class, a thief, a plate, a day, a photo, a child, a peach, a goose, a mouse, a tooth, a deer, a queen, an ox, a foot, a sheep, a safe, a woman.

2. Образуйте единственное число существительных:

Nuts, stars, parks, babies, geese, feet, offices, teeth, sisters, boys, watches, shelves, shops, glasses, sheep, roses, children, Germans, men, oxen, roofs, dresses, tomatoes, pies, books, mice, dishes, cars, buses.

Up-level students

1. Поставьте следующие предложения во множественное число.

1. This cup is dirty.
2. That biscuit was tasty.
3. This hotel is very expensive but it's very nice to stay.
4. That is a new supermarket in our town.
5. It's a delicious pie for dessert.
6. It's a nice cotton dress for my niece.
7. This man is an engineer.
8. This child is my son.
9. She's a teacher.
10. Is the boy in the room?

2. Выберите правильный вариант ответа.

1. Men

- a) uncountable
- b) countable - singular
- c) countable - plural

2. Crises

- a) uncountable
- b) countable - singular
- c) countable - plural

3. News

- a) uncountable
- b) countable - singular
- c) countable - plural

4. Phenomena

- a) uncountable
- b) countable - singular
- c) countable - plural

5. Money

- a) uncountable
- b) countable - singular
- c) countable - plural

3. Найдите и исправьте ошибки в предложениях.

Пример: I bought a three bookes yesterday. - I bought **three books** yesterday.

1. This shorts is very expensive. _____
2. Persons often waste their times. _____
3. Do you believe in elfs? _____

4. Из двух возможных вариантов, выберите один верный.

Пример: Mumps **is** / **are** an infectious disease. - Mumps **is** an infectious disease.

1. Maths **is** / **are** incomprehensible to me.
2. These trousers **is** / **are** very fashionable.
3. Women **is** / **are** not allowed to visit this place.
4. Her advice **was** / **were** very useful.
5. Six thousand dollars **is** / **are** not enough to buy this car.

5. Поставьте существительные в скобках в правильную форму множественного числа.

Пример: Where are my ... (headphone)? - Where are my **headphones**?

1. There are five ... (room) in our house. _____
2. These ... (man) seem very suspicious. _____
3. Do you have many ... (relative)? _____
4. There are many ... (wolf) in our woods. _____
5. She doesn't like ... (party). _____