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LESSON 3

1. Plurals of Countable and Uncountable Nouns

A Countable nouns are nouns which can be counted. They take "s" in the plural.

banana**s**
cat**s**

dog**s**
book**s**



1 Fill in the plural as in the example:



1. an orange - two *oranges*



2. a dog - three



3. a bat - two

B Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o** take **"-es"** in the plural.

bus - buses
dress - dresses

hairbrush - hairbrushes
watch - watches

box - boxes
tomato - tomatoes

BUT

radio - radios

piano - pianos

photo - photos

video - videos

2 Fill in the plural as in the example:



1. a torch - two *torches*



2. a glass - three



3. a fox - two

C Nouns ending in a **consonant + y** → **ies**
Nouns ending in a **vowel (a, e, o, u) + y** → **ys**

baby - babies
toy - toys

3 Fill in the plural as in the example:



1. a lady - two .. *ladies* ..



2. a key - two ..



3. a cherry - two ..

D Nouns ending in **-f, -fe** → **ves** leaf - leaves, wife - wives

BUT

roof - roofs, chief - chiefs, handkerchief - handkerchiefs, proof - proofs

4 Fill in the plural as in the example:



1. a thief - two .. *thieves* ..



2. a knife - two ..



3. a leaf - two ..

Pronunciation

/f/, /k/, /p/, /t/, /θ/		/s/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /dʒ/, /z/, /ʒ/		after other sounds	
/s/		/ɪz/		/z/	
cliffs	lollipops	foxes	bridges	pens	meals
proofs	spots	brushes	roses	babies	records
books	baths	churches	mirages	songs	rooms

5 Put the nouns in the correct list in the plural and read them out:

class, beach, boy, cat, cup, desk, roof, girl, potato, fork, shirt, pen, leaf, nose, bus, lemon, peach, box

/s/	/ɪz/	/z/
cats		

E Irregular Plurals

child - **children**
man - **men**
woman - **women**

foot - **feet**
tooth - **teeth**
goose - **geese**

fish - **fish**
sheep - **sheep**
deer - **deer**

mouse - **mice**
ox - **oxen**
louse - **lice**

6 Fill in the plural as in the example:



1. a girl -



two *girls*



2. a deer -



two



3. a mouse -



two



4. a bus -



two



5. a foot -



two



6. a snail -



two



7. a sandwich - two



8. a butterfly - two



9. a wolf -



two



10. a lizard -



two



11. a raspberry -



two



12. a woman -



two

7 Write the words in the plural and in the correct column.

radio, tomato, lady, boy, bench, teacher, watch, day, fox, loaf, handkerchief, kiss, fly, housewife, leaf, body, shelf, school, address, life, country, strawberry, baby, toy, half

- s	- es	- ies	- ves
<i>radios,</i>			

F Some nouns are uncountable. They have no plural. “A / an” is not used with uncountable nouns. “Some” is used with them. These nouns include:

food : butter, bread, meat, cheese, water, tea, coffee, wine, beer, milk, lemonade, chocolate, salt, pepper, fish etc.
material : paper, wood, silver, gold, iron etc.
abstract nouns : peace, anger, love etc.
many others : money, snow, soap, furniture, petrol, oil, information, news etc.

8 Fill in the blanks with “a” or “some”.



1. ... some ... meat



2. camera



3. soap



4. carrot



5. ring



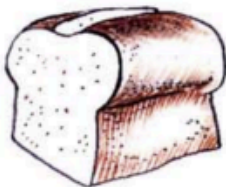
6. rice



7. cheese



8. kangaroo



9. bread



10. money



11. goose



12. chocolate

Some is also used with countable nouns in the plural.

I've got **some** eggs.

9 Fill in the blanks with “a”, “an” or “some”.



1. ... some ... flowers



2. beer



3. melon



4. peach



5. peaches



6. milk



7. orange



8. oranges



9. matches



10. T-shirt



11. grapes



12. sugar

G Some uncountable nouns can be made countable by using these words:



a bottle
of milk



a glass
of water



a jug
of water



a cup
of tea



a packet
of tea



a jar
of honey



a loaf
of bread



a slice
of bread



a carton
of milk



a can
of Coke



a bottle
of Coke



a bowl
of sugar



a kilo
of meat



a bar
of soap



a bar
of chocolate



a piece
of chocolate



a piece
of cheese



a piece
of furniture

10 Fill in the plural as in the example:

- | | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1. Some Coke. Two <i>cans / bottles of Coke</i> | 11. A table. Two |
| 2. A fish. Three | 12. Some bread. Two |
| 3. A room. Five | 13. A skirt. Three |
| 4. Some jam. Two | 14. Some water. Two |
| 5. Some soap. Three | 15. An egg. Four |
| 6. Some lemonade. Two | 16. Some cheese. Two |
| 7. A spoon. Three | 17. Some milk. Three |
| 8. A flower. Two | 18. A man. Two |
| 9. Some paper. Three | 19. A mouse. Three |
| 10. Some tea. Two | 20. Some coffee. Two |

H **Adjectives** take no “-s” in the plural. ➡ **a new record - two new records**

11 Fill in the plural as in the example :

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A chair. Four <i>chairs</i> | 7. A clever student. Ten |
| 2. An old lady. Two | 8. A heavy suitcase. Two |
| 3. Some chocolate. Two | 9. Some meat. Two |
| 4. Some honey. Three | 10. A new hat. Two |
| 5. A tall boy. Two | 11. A famous actress. Two |
| 6. A pretty butterfly. Three | 12. A goose. Ten |

Oral Activity 1

The teacher divides the class into two teams and says nouns in the singular. The teams in turn say the plural of each word. Each correct answer gets 1 point. The team with the most points is the winner.

Teacher : pencil
Team A S1 : pencils
Teacher : tooth
Team B S1 : teeth

Teacher : sheep
Team A S2 : sheeps
Teacher : Wrong! sheep. Group A doesn't get a point.

Writing Activity 1



The teacher asks the students to look around the classroom and write, in only 5 minutes, how many things or people they can see.

e.g. four walls, two pictures, eight boys etc.