

Rule 1

Usually just add s

One cat … Ten cats One table … Four tables

Rule 2

Words that end in sh, ch, tch, s, ss, x, z, zz… add es.

One dish… many dishes One watch… Three watches

Rule 3

Words that end in f or fe… drop the f or fe and add ves

One knife… Six knives One calf… Eight calves

Some exceptions: chiefs, reefs, chefs

Rule 4

Words that end in o… add es

One potato… Lots of potatoes A hero… Many heroes

Some exceptions: pianos, solos, radios, kangaroos, memos, studios, photos, videos

Rule 5

Words ending in y

* If the y is a graph… drop the y and add ies

One lolly… Many lollies One family… Many families

* If the y is the last letter of a digraph… just add s

One day… Many days One key… A bunch of keys

Rule 6

Use the same word

One fish… Many fish One sheep… Lots of sheep

Rule 7

Use a different word

One foot… Two feet One mouse… Many mice