

Keywords

List 18

To make words PLURAL (more than one), you usually just add an "-s." But when a word ends in "ch," "sh," "x," "o," or "ss," you usually add "-es" to make it plural. Adding "-es" often adds a syllable.

READ the paragraph. The words in **bold** are your keywords.

Dad and I take long **hikes** in the country. We set out early, carrying our **lunches**. We pass through **fields** and small towns with white **churches**. Sometimes we pick **bunches** of **flowers** to bring home to Mom. One time, we saw a pair of **foxes** standing **inches** away from us. I ask Dad a lot of **questions** about the things we see, and he always has good **answers**. He says we should all be **students** of nature. When we get back to the car, we treat ourselves like **heroes** and get a big pizza dinner. That's the best part of the day!

FILL IN the blanks with the **bold** words in alphabetical order.

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Stack Up

READ the keywords out loud. SORT the keywords by their plural endings. SPLIT the words into syllables (if they have more than one), using dots to mark the breaks.

HINT: The syllable break *usually* comes before the "-es" plural ending.

Example: socks dress•es

answers bunches churches fields flowers foxes
heroes hikes inches lunches questions students

"-s" Plurals

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

"-es" Plurals

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

Spotlight on More Verb Endings

The “-es” rule goes for verbs too. So when a verb ends in “ch,” “sh,” “x,” “o,” or “ss,” you usually need to add “-es” to make it the right form. This usually adds a syllable. Try it out!

ADD “-es” to each verb.

Example: *fix fixes*

Verb	Verb + “-es”
match	1. _____
mix	2. _____
brush	3. _____
wish	4. _____
stitch	5. _____
press	6. _____
confess	7. _____
reach	8. _____
attach	9. _____
relax	10. _____
rush	11. _____
vanish	12. _____

Example: *bug bugs*

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
beach	1. _____	lobster	7. _____
blanket	2. _____	mass	8. _____
chapter	3. _____	porch	9. _____
flash	4. _____	potato	10. _____
fountain	5. _____	servant	11. _____
guest	6. _____	success	12. _____