



Grammar for ESL Students

SINGULAR AND PLURALS

Rule #1

Nouns ending in s, z, x, sh, and ch form the plural by adding -ES.

Examples:

buzz, buzzes

box, boxes

dish, dishes

church, churches

Rule #2

Nouns ending in y preceded by a consonant are formed into a plural by changing y to -IES.

Examples:

lady, ladies

city, cities

army, armies

gravy, gravies

Rule #3

Nouns ending in y preceded by a vowel form their plurals by adding S.

Example:

boy, boys

day, days

play, plays

relay, relays

Rule #4

Most nouns ending in o preceded by a consonant is formed into a plural by adding -ES.

Examples:

hero, heroes

grotto, grottoes

cargo, cargoes

volcano, volcanoes