

## Nouns: Plural

A plural noun names more than one person, place, thing, or idea.

There are multiple ways to form plural nouns:

- 1) To make a noun into a plural noun, add *-s* to the end of the word.
  - Ex. book -> books
- 2) If the noun ends in *ch, sh, x, or z* add *-es* to the end of the word.
  - Ex. **bush** -> bushes
- 3) If the noun ends in *-y* change the *-y* to *-i* and add *-es to the end of the word*.
  - Ex. *cry* -> *cries*
- 4) If the noun ends in *-fe* change the *-fe* to *-ve* and add *-s* to the end of the word.
  - Ex. **knife** -> knives
- 5) There are some irregular plural nouns.
  - Ex. mouse -> mice
  - Ex. child -> children

### Practice

In order to help the student understand how to identify and use proper nouns, use the following exercise. Have the student rewrite each of the following nouns as a plural noun, and then use the plural noun in a sentence.

- Ex. dolphin -> dolphins -> We watched the dolphins jump out of the water.

1. church
2. dwarf
3. salad
4. fox
5. city
6. guess
7. ostrich
8. show
9. family
10. box