

Singular and Plural Nouns

A **singular noun** names only one person, place, or thing. A **plural noun** names more than one person, place, or thing.

Singular Nouns A tall weed sprouted beside the creek.

Plural Nouns Grasses grew among the trees.

Most nouns add *-s* to form the plural. Add *-es* to a noun that ends in *ch, sh, s, ss, or x*: *benches, wishes, gases, glasses, foxes*. When a noun ends in a consonant and *y*, change the *y* to *i* and then add *-es*: *cities*.

A Write *S* if the underlined noun is singular. Write *P* if the underlined noun is plural.

1. There are many jobs on the farm.
2. That job will take you one day.
3. Daniel picks strawberries with his brother.
4. The apples are not ripe yet.
5. Anita plants bushes each fall.
6. The farmer planted vegetables.
7. Tomatoes grow on long vines.
8. Onions and carrots grow under the ground.
9. Some beans grow on a tall stalk.
10. A worker is picking crops.



B Write the plural form of the noun in ().

1. James worked for Mr. Dixon for five (day) every week.
2. He planted (flower) in Mr. Dixon's garden.
3. He pulled weeds from the roses and (lily).
4. One day James trimmed tree (branch).
5. He cleaned the front and back (porch).
6. He took (stone) out of the soil.
7. He put them in big (box).
8. James discovered lovely ferns and (moss).
9. Mr. Dixon gave James some (daisy).
10. His mother arranged them in (bunch).
11. He gave them to the (lady) at his church.
12. They put the flowers in tall (vase).

C Complete each sentence by adding plural nouns. Write the new sentence.

13. The gardener planted ___ and ___ in the soil.
14. Insects such as ___ and ___ crawled in the garden.
15. Ms. Beasley grows vegetables, including ___ and ___, in her garden.
16. She needs tools, such as ___ and ___, to work in the garden.
17. She will make ___ and ___ with the fruits from her garden.
18. Ms. Beasley gives vegetables from her garden to everyone, including ___ and ___.

Test Preparation

Write the letter of the plural form of each underlined noun.

1. Bob works on ranch.

- A ranchs C ranches
B ranch D ranchies

2. He helps his boss each day.

- A boss C boss's
B boss D bosses

3. Bob trains horse.

- A horse C horses
B horse's D horsies

4. He cares for cows and their baby.

- A babies C babyss
B babys D babees

5. Sometimes fox come to the ranch.

- A foxs C foxis
B fox's D foxes

6. Bob builds fence to keep them out.

- A fencs C fencies
B fences D fencss

7. Bob trims the bush.

- A bushes C bushes
B bushess D bush's

8. He is careful not to get scratch.

- A scratchs C scratch's
B scratchess D scratches



Review

Write the plural nouns in each sentence. The number in () tells how many plural nouns are in each sentence.

1. Plump grapes grow on the vines. (2)
2. Workers walk beside the plants. (2)
3. They pull grapes from the branches with their fingers. (3)
4. They put pieces of fruit in boxes. (2)
5. They load the crates into trucks. (2)
6. Grocers put displays of fruit in their stores. (3)
7. Customers buy strawberries and cherries. (3)
8. Shoppers also buy blueberries and peaches. (3)
9. Clerks put the bags into the carts. (3)
10. Helpers take the groceries to the cars. (3)

Write the plural form of the noun in ().

11. Mark works in the pineapple (field) in Hawaii.
12. He picks (pineapple) every day.
13. Helpers put the fruit into (basket).
14. They go to the fields in (bus).
15. The fruit is taken to the factory in (carton).
16. Workers cut the fruit into (slice).
17. The fruit is put into (can).
18. People put pineapple in fruit (salad).
19. They drink pineapple juice from (glass).
20. Chefs use pineapple in many (dish).

Common and Proper Nouns

A **common noun** names any person, place, or thing. A **proper noun** names a particular person, place, or thing. Proper nouns begin with capital letters.

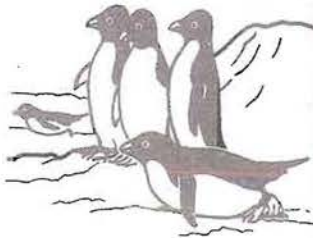
Common Nouns These birds live in cold places.

Proper Nouns It is cold in Antarctica in July.

The names of days, months, and holidays are proper nouns. They begin with capital letters. Capitalize each important word in a proper noun: *Fourth of July*.

A Write C if the underlined noun is a common noun. Write P if the underlined noun is a proper noun.

1. Penguins have black and white feathers.
2. Some penguins live in zoos in the United States.
3. Penguins have webbed feet.
4. New Zealand has many penguins.
5. This penguin hatched in August.
6. Penguins eat fish from the water.
7. There is much food in the ocean.
8. Some penguins live in Australia.
9. Seals and whales live in Antarctica.
10. Did you see penguins at the zoo on Labor Day?



B Write the headings *Common Nouns* and *Proper Nouns* on your paper. Write each noun in the sentences under the correct heading. There are nine common nouns and three proper nouns.

1. Many birds can be found in Antarctica.
2. Most birds do not live near the South Pole in winter.
3. Their home then is far across the ocean.
4. South America is one destination.
5. The sea can also be a source of food.

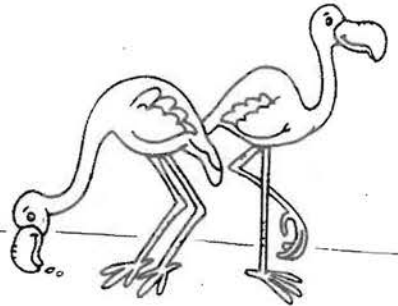
C Write the sentences. Capitalize the proper nouns correctly. The number in () tells how many proper nouns are in each sentence.

6. We left on our trip to alaska on new year's day. (2)
7. Some whales and seals live in the pacific ocean. (1)
8. One day david and I took pictures of a whale. (1)
9. We saw a polar bear in january. (1)
10. It was near the coast of the arctic ocean. (1)
11. We saw many birds near the city of anchorage. (1)
12. They live in the pine forests in denali national park. (1)
13. Brown bears live on kodiak island. (1)
14. The largest glacier in north america is in alaska. (2)
15. Mr. murphy and I saw many glaciers. (1)
16. We stopped at sitka and ketchikan on our way home. (2)

Preparation

Write the letter of the sentence that is written correctly.

- A** We saw cranes from florida.
B We saw Cranes from florida.
C We saw cranes from Florida.
D We saw Cranes from Florida.
- A** There is a zoo in san diego, california.
B There is a zoo in San Diego, California.
C There is a zoo in san Diego, california.
D There is a zoo in San Diego, california.
- A** We saw doves there on tuesday.
B We saw Doves there on Tuesday.
C We saw Doves there on tuesday.
D We saw doves there on Tuesday.
- A** Mr. lane showed us pete, a huge parrot.
B Mr. lane showed us Pete, a huge parrot.
C Mr. Lane showed us Pete, a huge parrot.
D Mr. Lane showed us Pete, a huge Parrot.
- A** Has Joey ever seen a Flamingo?
B Has joey ever seen a flamingo?
C Has joey ever seen a Flamingo?
D Has Joey ever seen a flamingo?



Review

Write C if the underlined noun is a common noun. Write P if the underlined noun is a proper noun.

- Each region of the United States has unique birds.
- Robins and sparrows live in cities like Boston.
- Wrens and jays live in forests in the Northeast.
- Owls live on the prairies of Nebraska.
- Eagles live in the deserts of the Southwest.
- Great blue herons fish in the lakes in Texas.
- Pelicans fly over the Gulf of Mexico.
- Many birds follow the Mississippi River.

Write the sentences. Capitalize the proper nouns correctly. The number in () tells how many proper nouns are in each sentence.

- Gray catbirds live in michigan. (1)
- The painted bunting migrates to mexico each winter. (1)
- Last year jamal and paul saw birds in louisiana. (3)
- The ducks had flown from canada in late september. (2)
- Mr. burns took pictures of roadrunners in arizona. (2)
- The coast of the pacific ocean is home to many gulls. (1)
- The rain forests of south america have amazing birds. (1)
- The toucan lives in brazil. (1)
- Last valentine's day adam saw a scarlet ibis. (2)
- The bright red bird was in a swamp near the caribbean sea. (1)

LESSON 8

Irregular Plural Nouns

A plural noun names more than one person, place, or thing. Most nouns add -s to form the plural. An **irregular plural noun** has a special form for the plural.

Singular Nouns An ox and a sheep live on the farm.

Irregular Plural Nouns Three oxen and some sheep live on the farm.

Some nouns and their irregular plural forms are *child/children, deer/deer, foot/feet, goose/geese, leaf/leaves, life/lives, man/men, mouse/mice, ox/oxen, sheep/sheep, tooth/teeth, and woman/women.*

A Write S if the underlined noun is singular. Write P if the underlined noun is plural.

1. Some children collect pets.
2. Carrie has four mice.
3. She has a pet goose in her yard.
4. Carrie wants some woolly sheep.
5. She even wants a deer.
6. We told the woman about our problem.
7. We could not rake all the leaves.
8. We can't run with leaves under our feet.
9. Some men brought machines to school.

B Write the plural form of the noun in ().

1. At camp, the girls have busy (life).
2. They teach the younger (child) songs.
3. They help the (woman) clean the cabins.
4. They help the (man) clean the pool.
5. They rake (leaf).
6. They chase the (mouse) from the tent.
7. They feed the (goose) by the lake.
8. They brush the (ox) in the barn.
9. They look quietly at the (deer).
10. Their (foot) hurt at the end of the day.
11. They brush their (tooth) and go to bed.
12. The girls don't need to count (sheep)!

C Write sentences using the plural forms of both nouns.

13. goose, foot
14. child, woman
15. ox, tooth
16. leaf, mouse
17. man, life
18. deer, sheep



Test Preparation

- ✓ Write the letter of the plural form of each underlined noun.
- The woman have a class.
A woman C womanes
B womans D women
 - They teach child about clean rooms.
A childs C childrens
B children D childrens'
 - Don't put your foot on your bed.
A foot C feet
B foots D feets
 - Put the toothpaste away after brushing your tooth.
A tooth C tooths
B teeth D teeths
 - Put away your toy army man.
A men C mens

- Crumbs under the bed attract mouse.
A mouse C mice
B mouses D mices
- Wipe mud and leaf off your shoes.
A leafs C leaves
B leaf D leafs'
- You'll remember these rules all your life.
A lives C life
B lifes D life's



Review

- ✓ Write S if the underlined noun is singular. Write P if the underlined noun is plural.
- The children saw unusual animals at the farm.
 - The oxen had huge heads and backs.
 - Some geese honked by a pond.
 - A baby deer had big brown eyes.
 - There were ten sheep with curly fur.
 - A tiny mouse scampered through the barn.
 - A horse with big teeth chewed on hay.
 - Many mice live in the hay.
 - The woman asked which animal they liked best.
 - No child could choose a favorite.
 - They had never seen so many cute animals in their lives.
 - One goose followed them to the car.
- ✓ Write the plural form of the noun in ().
- The (man) solved animals' problems.
 - The Kellys wanted the (mouse) out of their house.
 - Mr. Cox wanted a fence around his (sheep).
 - A farmer didn't want (deer) in his fields.
 - The Steins said there were too many (goose).
 - Mrs. Henry's (ox) needed a bigger barn.
 - The Clydes' cat could not chew with its (tooth).
 - Bill's guinea pig would not eat its lettuce (leaf).

LESSON 9

Singular Possessive Nouns

To show that one person, animal, or thing owns something, use a **singular possessive noun**. Add an apostrophe (') and the letter s to a singular noun to make it possessive.

Singular Noun The bear slept all day.

Singular Possessive Noun The hare did not like the bear's laziness.

A Write the possessive noun in each sentence.

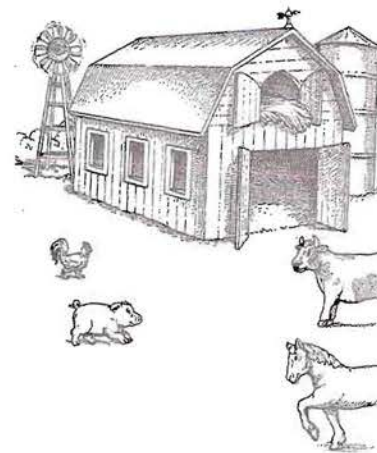
1. The class talked about each person's favorite vegetable.
2. Edward likes the carrot's bright color.
3. Olivia likes broccoli's leafy tops.
4. Terrell likes his mom's bean soup.
5. Everyone enjoys the farm's good foods.
6. The farmer's stand has the freshest vegetables.
7. The corn's sweet flavor makes that soup delicious.
8. What vegetable will be good with tonight's dinner?
9. The cook's recipes for potatoes are wonderful.
10. Tracy's favorite salad includes lettuce and celery.
11. The most important thing is a vegetable's freshness.
12. I can almost taste my dad's homemade squash casserole.

B Write the singular possessive form of the underlined noun in each sentence.

1. The cat best friend was a pig.
2. The cat visited the pig home each day.
3. The pig rolled around in Farmer Gray muddy yard.
4. The cat couldn't believe his friend habit.
5. The cat was the county cleanest animal.
6. One day the friends surprised the barnyard other animals.
7. The cat rolled in the hog mud, and the pig stayed clean.
8. The farmer wife laughed at the sight of the cat.
9. I like that story ending.
10. The teacher class thought it was funny.

C Write sentences about events that might happen on a farm. Use the singular possessive form of each noun shown.

11. horse
12. cow
13. barn
14. worker
15. field
16. tractor
17. hen
18. house



Test Preparation

✓ Write the letter of the correct possessive noun to complete each sentence.

1. A ___ work never ends.

- A farmer
- B farmers
- C farmer's
- D farmers's

2. The ___ work begins at sunrise.

- A day
- B day's
- C days
- D days's

3. The ___ call awakens everyone.

- A rooster's
- B roosters
- C rosters's
- D rooster'

4. The ___ milk is warm.

- A cows's
- B cows
- C cow's
- D cowse's

5. The farmer puts the ___ eggs in a basket.

- A hen
- B hens
- C hens's
- D hen's

6. The ___ crop is picked.

- A cornfields
- B cornfield's
- C cornfields's
- D cornfield



Review

✓ Write the possessive noun in each sentence.

1. Each farm's crops are used for different things.

2. Mr. Johnson's fields grow food crops.

3. This field's crop is potatoes.

4. Animal feed grows in Mrs. Long's fields.

5. That animal's favorite crop is grass.

6. Some of our country's crops are used for cloth.

7. Cloth is made from cotton's fibers.

8. Flowers for decorations grow on Ms. Ross's farm.

9. The meadow's wildflowers should not be picked.

10. Ms. Ross likes that rose's color best.

✓ Write the possessive form of the underlined noun in each sentence.

11. Mr. Dean day was not going well.

12. One of the tractor tires was flat.

13. A cow leg got stuck in a fence.

14. The chicken coop door was broken.

15. The dog bark scared the animals.

16. The truck engine wouldn't start.

17. Some of the roof shingles are missing.

18. The porch light has burned out.

19. The garden plants need water.

20. It was a typical farmer day.

Plural Possessive Nouns

To show that two or more people share or own something, use a **plural possessive noun**.

Plural Noun The trees grew tall in America.

Singular Possessive Noun That oak tree's wood is hard.

Plural Possessive Noun All the trees' wood was strong.

Add an apostrophe (') to plural nouns that end in *-s*, *-es*, or *-ies* to make them possessive. To make plural nouns that do not end in *-s*, *-es*, or *-ies* possessive, add an apostrophe and an *s*.

men men's boots oxen oxen's strength

A Write the plural possessive noun in each sentence.

1. The two towns' settlers gathered to celebrate the harvest.
2. The settlers' tables were long boards.
3. The vegetables' flavors were delicious.
4. The cooks' dishes smelled spicy.
5. Men's mouths watered at the smell.
6. The colonies' schools taught reading and arithmetic.
7. Americans' roads were dusty paths.
8. Horses pulled farmers' carts and wagons.
9. The horses' jobs were difficult.
10. Oxen's size made them a better choice for the job.

B Write the possessive form of the underlined plural noun in each sentence.

1. Most countries houses have different styles.
2. Some Africans homes are mud huts.
3. In England, occupants houses may be very old.
4. Mexicans houses are made to be cool.
5. Canadians houses must stay warm.
6. Coastal residents homes might be on stilts.
7. Islanders houses must stand up to wind and rain.
8. Some Native Americans homes could be moved from place to place.
9. Some renters apartments are in tall buildings.
10. Are Eskimos houses really made of ice?
11. Some sailors homes are their boats.
12. Builders challenges are different in every place.

C Write sentences about different kinds of houses in different places. Use the plural possessive form of each noun in your sentence.

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| 13. roof | 16. neighborhood |
| 14. city | 17. family |
| 15. lawn | 18. children |



Test Preparation

✓ Write the letter of the correct plural possessive noun to complete each sentence.

1. Many ___ efforts are needed to build a house.
A individuals
B individuals'
C individuals's
D individual's
2. The two ___ plans are on the table.
A designer's
B designers
C designers'
D designers's
3. All the ___ designs are unusual.
A room's
B rooms'
C rooms's
D rooms
4. The three ___ tools are in a truck.
A carpenter's
B carpenters's
C carpenters
D carpenters'
5. The ___ days are hard and busy.
A men's
B mens'
C mens
D men
6. The three ___ talents make the house beautiful.
A painters
B painters'
C painters's
D painter's



Review

✓ Write the plural possessive noun in each sentence.

1. The colonies' first settlers came from England on ships.
2. The ships' passengers wanted to get rich.
3. The passengers' journey was long and hard.
4. The men's first settlement was in Jamestown.
5. The settlers' hardships almost led to disaster.
6. Captain John Smith's leadership raised the newcomers' spirits.

✓ Write the possessive form of the underlined plural noun in each sentence.

7. The colonists laziness caused some problems.
8. The nearby Indians leader was Powhatan.
9. The two groups goal was to get along with one another.
10. Most settlements farms soon produced crops.
11. The women arrival helped the settlements succeed.
12. Fires destroyed many folks homes in the late 1600s.
13. The Virginians new home was Williamsburg.
14. Both towns histories are fascinating.
15. Many buildings ruins still stand in Jamestown.
16. They teach us about Americans struggles in the past.
17. We can read the leaders letters and journals.
18. They tell about many children deaths.