

Text-based Intervention – Morphology (Nouns)

Nouns

Regular plurals

Most nouns in English are made into plural nouns by adding either an /s/ or /es/ to the singular form.

Irregular plurals

Although most nouns have regular plurals some have irregular plurals. Sometimes the spelling of the word changes completely.

- s ending
the sailboat
the sailboats

- es ending
one house
two houses

one child - two **children**
one mouse - two **mice**
one foot - two **feet**
one man - two **men**

one leaf - two **leaves**
one loaf - two **loaves**
one knife - two **knives**
one half - two **halves**

Noun Derivation

The - er sound at the end of a noun means a **person** who does something, or a **thing** that does something.

paint - **painter**
farm - **farmer**
bake - **baker**
teach - **teacher**

toaster - toasts bread
computer - computes data
drier - dries clothes
lawnmower - mows lawns

This sheet is meant to be used as a guide only. Please consult a grammar book for more in depth definitions.

Possessives

If a noun owns something we call it possessive, and place an **apostrophe** between the noun and the /s/. If the noun which possesses something is plural we put an **apostrophe** after the /s/.

A duck's feet
A horse's mane
A bird's nest
A whale's tail

The girls' parents
The cars' wheels
The nurses' station
The boys' football game