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

- **-s ending**
  - the sailboat
  - the sailboats

- **-es ending**
  - one house
  - two houses

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

- 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

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**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 girl’s parents
- The cars’ wheels
- The nurses’ station
- The boys’ football game

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