SINGULAR AND PLURAL



Monkey or Monkeys? Balloon or Balloons?

Read the following sentences:

- I saw a monkey.



- Rani saw three monkeys.



- Jim has one red balloon.



- I have four red balloons.



Remember

- Singular words are when you have a **single (one)** object.
- Plural words are when you have **more than one** object.

Look at these pictures and say whether they are singular or plural.







How to make plurals

You add -s to a singular to make it plural.

table flower girl bird



Add -s

tables flowers girls birds

Plural: Things to Remember

- Nouns that end in ‘ch’, ‘sh’, ‘s’, ‘x’, ‘z’ or ‘o’, add ‘–es’.
  Examples: beaches, brushes, classes, boxes, buzzes, potatoes
- Nouns that end in ‘y’, change the ‘y’ to ‘I’ and add ‘-es’.
  Example: cities, cherries
- Nouns that end in ‘y’, with a vowel before the ‘y’, just add ‘-s’.
  Example: eyes
- Nouns that end in ‘f’ or ‘fe’, change the ‘f’ or ‘fe’ to a ‘v’ and add ‘-es’.
  Example: leaves, wives
- Some nouns use the singular spelling as the plural spelling.
  Example: fish-fish, deer-deer

Give It a Try

Match the singulars with their plurals.

• mouse 	• boxes 
• glass 	• mice 
• box 	• glasses 

Your Turn to Try

Write the plural of the given words.

1. tooth = _____
2. ox = _____
3. duck = _____
4. quiz = _____
5. mother = _____
6. goose = _____
7. sheep = _____

