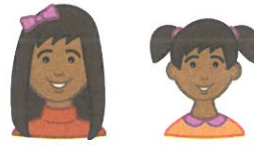


# 4 Spelling patterns in plurals

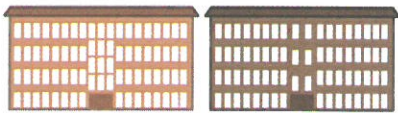
Plurals are used to show that there is more than one of something.



dog + dog = dogs

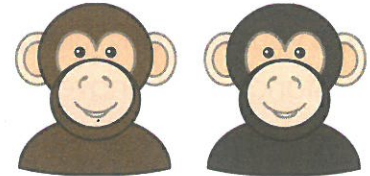


sister + sister = sisters



school + school = schools

donkey + donkey = donkeys

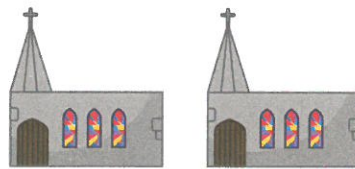


monkey + monkey = monkeys

## BUT



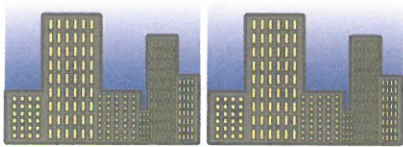
bus + bus = buses



church + church = churches



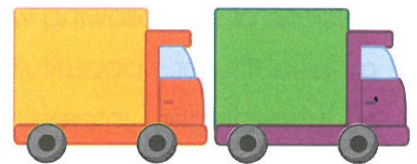
dish + dish = dishes



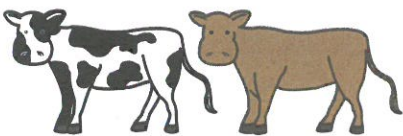
city + city = cities



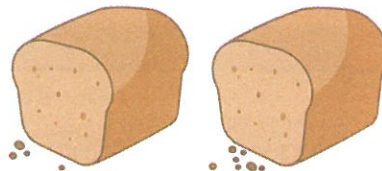
baby + baby = babies



lorry + lorry = lorries



calf + calf = calves



loaf + loaf = loaves



thief + thief = thieves

## Chat challenge

What is a plural?

What does **singular** mean?

Which kinds of words can you change to the plural from the singular? Discuss whether you can change adjectives or verbs into plurals. Is it only nouns that can be made plural?

Talk about three common mistakes that writers make when trying to make plurals.

What tricks do you know for learning to spell plurals?



## Comprehension

- 1) Which are the easiest kinds of plurals to make? Why? What is the simplest rule for making a plural?
- 2) What do you add when words end in *s*, *sh*, *ch*?
- 3) What do you add when words end in a consonant + *y*?
- 4) What do you add when words end in a vowel + *y*?



## Objective focus

- 1) Give the plurals of these phrases:
 

a. a goose and a sheep	e. a lorry in a city
b. a mouse and a deer	f. a hiss and a cry
c. a child and a woman	g. a potato and a tomato
d. a fox in a box	h. a radio on the patio
- 2) Explain to someone who does not speak English how to make the plurals of the following.
 

**gas   latch   duty   country   donkey   monkey   house   six   wife**

**potato   fireman   glass   fly   ash   knife   party   class   penny**



## Links to writing

- 1) Some plurals are tricky. Find the plurals of these words:
 

a. stereo	c. studio	e. tomato
b. patio	d. potato	f. volcano

Check your answers in a dictionary.
- 2) Which of the following is the correct plural? Check your answers in a dictionary.
  - a. toothbrush   toothbrushes   teethbrushes
  - b. persons   people   personable
  - c. aircraft   aircrafts   airs-craft
  - d. geeses   geeses   geese
  - e. sheep   sheeps   shoop
- 3) Make a book for your classroom which gives spelling hints when you are making plurals. Use a computer to do this. Use pictures to make it fun.