

NOUNS 1: IDENTIFYING NOUNS

Nouns are words that name things. They are labelled *noun* in *Chambers School Dictionary*.

Here are some examples of nouns:

tree excitement trousers flock Liverpool April Anne

For more information on nouns and the way they can be classified, see the **Language Workshop** panel on **Nouns** in *Chambers School Dictionary*.

WHERE ARE THE NOUNS?

Underline all the nouns in the following sentences.

- I got several CDs for Christmas.
- My sister's boyfriend comes from France.
- Love can be a very painful emotion.
- Sunshine was streaming through the window and into her bedroom.
- Paul was spreading butter on his toast.
- Physics is my favourite subject.
- Jamie bought me a bunch of flowers for my birthday.
- Have you ever climbed the Eiffel Tower in Paris?

NOUN SEARCH

There are nine nouns in the grid below. Search for them vertically, horizontally or diagonally, then write them in the left side of the table. In the right side of the table, say whether the noun is a count/noncount noun, a concrete/abstract noun, a proper noun etc.

<p>B E L G I U M R E L O R L Y B O N H A A T C O D C H A M P I O N R T H G E R M S</p>	<p>Nouns found</p>	<p>Description</p>
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NOUNS 2: FORMING PLURALS

The plural form of a noun refers to more than one person or thing and takes a plural verb, for example:

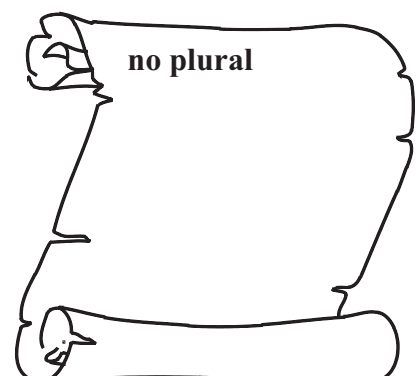
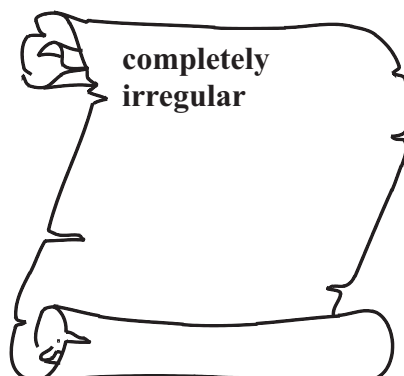
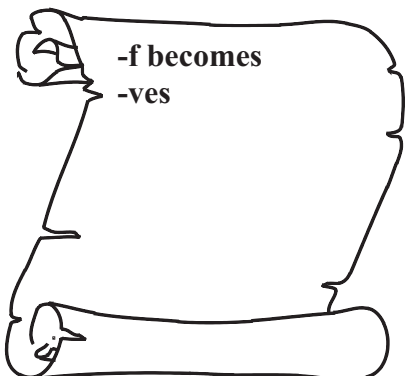
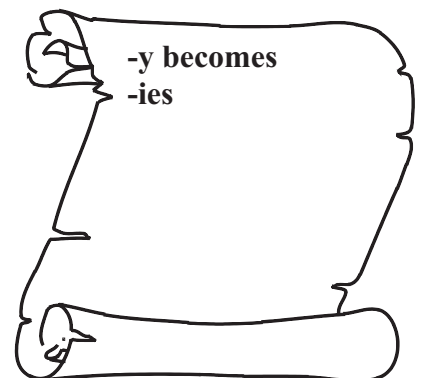
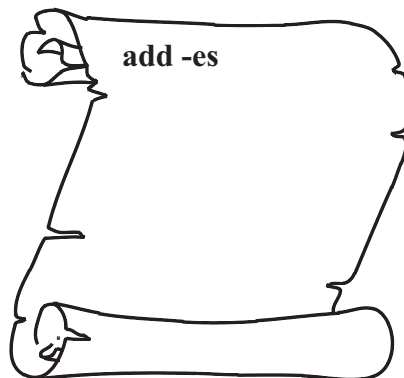
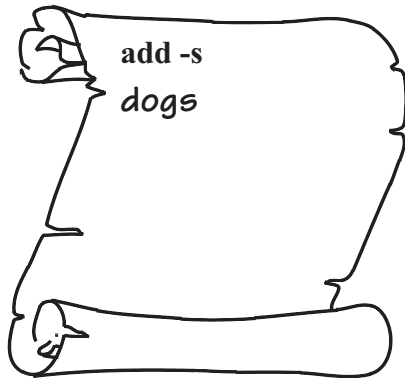
The *girls are* very clever.

If a noun is always plural (eg **scissors**), *Chambers School Dictionary* labels it *noun plural*. If the plural form is not made simply by adding **-s** (eg **bus**), the plural is shown in brackets after the headword, for example **bus noun (plural buses)**.

FORM THE PLURAL

Look at the words below. Write the plural (if there is one) for each noun on the correct scroll. Add three more similar words to each scroll.

potato	life	tree	monkey	filly	mouse	
wife	house	stitch	criterion	dog	country	zebra
family	derangement	holiness	goose	blood	witch	



PLURAL TABLE

Decide whether these nouns are singular or plural. Write them in the correct column and then fill in the rest of the table.

bacteria

potato

data

video

SINGULAR	PLURAL

NOUNS 3: AGREEMENT OF VERB

Knowing whether a noun is singular or plural is important in deciding the form of the verb that is used.

Chambers School Dictionary helps you with this by labelling plural nouns (eg **trousers**) as *noun plural* and words that 'look' plural but take a singular verb (eg **linguistics**) as *noun singular*.

SINGULAR OR PLURAL?

Write a sentence for each of the nouns on the notepad, making sure that the noun is followed by the correct form of a verb.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

