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**Plurals and expressions of quantity**

1. **Plurals**

Plurals and expressions of quantity are important elements of grammar that help convey the number of items or people your referring to . For most nouns, you can form the plural by adding ( s or es ) , while irregular plurals some nouns don’t follow the regular plural rule.

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| Regular plurals **(**adding s or es) | | Irregular plurals | |
| Singular | Plural | Singular | Plural |
| Book | books | Child | children |
| Box | Boxes  (for words ending in x , s , z, sh, or ch) | Man | men |
|  |  | Woman | women |
|  |  | Foot | feet |

Examples :

The shelves are filled with books

The boxes is vary in size

I saw five men

The men are going to their houses

He was wearing boots on his feet.

Nouns ending in –y . if a noun ends in a consonant + y, change the y to ies.

Activity → activities Supply→ supplies

Apply → applies Theory → theories

Duty → duties

Examples:

The camp offers **activities** hiking and swimming.

The theories are need to demonstration.

Nouns ending in (-fe) change to (ves) in the plural form:

Knife → knives

Life → lives

1. **Expression of quantity**

These are used to describe how much or how many of something there is. Some common expressions include:

1. **Countable nouns** (things that you can count):

Many: There are many books on the shelf

There are many elements in the fuel

There are many sources of the energy

A few: I have a few friends.

Several : We visited several cities last year.

1. **Uncountable nouns** (things you cannot count individually):

Much: There isn’t **much** sugar left .

A little: She has **a little** money.

Some: Could I have **some** water?

Some of the time passes quickly.  (‘time’ is uncountable.)

Some students have exams next week.  (‘students’ is countable.)

1. Both countable and uncountable nouns

A lot of: I have a lot of books (countable)

There's a lot of water (uncountable)

Lots (A lot) of people change their minds

Plenty of : There are plenty of chairs (countable)

We have plenty of breads(uncountable)

Plenty of patience is required for this job. (‘patience‘ is uncountable)

Plenty of spare parts are kept in the garage

**Most** :

Most of his advice is very good.  (‘advice’ is uncountable.)

Most of the students are pass the examination.  (‘students’ is countable.)

1. **Fractional and percentages**

Two thirds of the test was based on the textbook

Sixty percent of the land is desert.  (‘land’ is singular.)