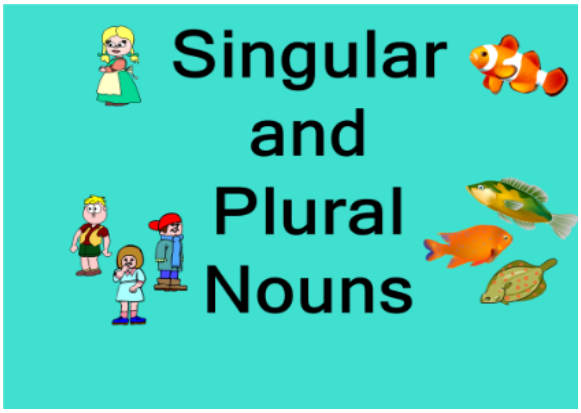
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS ACTIVITY SHEET
NOUNS- NUMBER

Standard 2

Curriculum Topic: Nouns –Number (Writing)



Teaching Point/s: Identify and use nouns specific to number in sentences.



A noun is a word that is used to name a person, animal, place, thing or idea. Words such as teacher, student, dog, cat, island, desk, peace and beauty are all nouns.

What is number in nouns?

It is the grouping of nouns according to singular and plural.

A Singular number is used when the noun refers to a single person, animal, thing or idea. Examples: boy, book, loaf, woman, rabbit or tooth.

A Plural number is used when the noun refers to more than one person, animal, thing or idea.

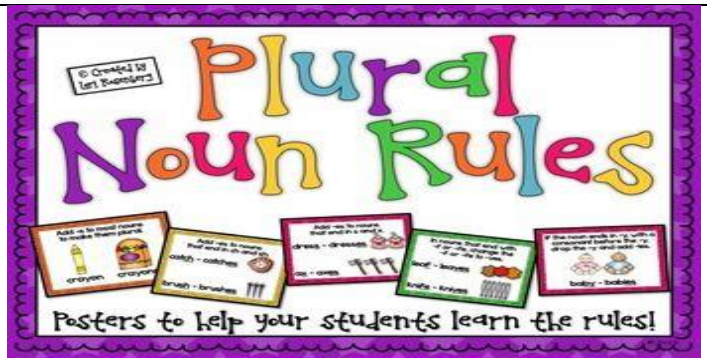
Examples: boys, books, loaves, women, rabbits or teeth.

Plural nouns are formed in various ways.

The table shows some of the ways nouns are changed into the plural form.

FORMATION OF PLURAL NOUNS	**EXAMPLES**
1.By adding –s to a singular noun	table-tables flower-flowers
2. By adding –es to nouns ending with -s,-ss,-sh,-ch, or –x.	bus-buses stitch-stitches.
3. In nouns ending with –y, but with no vowel before the –y, the plural is formed by changing the y to i before adding –es.	berry-berries city-cities company-companies
4.By adding –s only to nouns ending with –y, if there is a vowel before the –y.	key-keys holiday-holidays
5. By changing the f to v and adding –es to some nouns that end with –f. Remember that a few nouns ending with –f do not follow this rule but just add –s	leaf-leaves wolf-wolves chief-chiefs gulf-gulfs
6. By changing the fe to v and adding –es to nouns that end with –fe.	wife-wives knife- knives.
7. In some nouns the plural is marked by changes to the vowels within the word.	foot-feet man-men goose-geese

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Activity 1



Use either the singular or plural nouns to complete the table.

Examples:

Singular	Plural
journey	journeys
thief	thieves

Singular nouns	Plural nouns
1.	boxes
2. monkey	
3.	diaries
4. half	
5.	girls
6. family	
7.tooth	
8.	lives
9.	kidneys
10.chief	
11.	women
12.	elves
13. flower	

14. brush	
15.	shelves



Activity 2

Change the **singular** nouns which are underlined in these sentences into the **plural** form.

1. The hurricane caused extensive damage to the island.

   _____

2. The mouse had nibbled on the chunk of cheese.

   _____

3. The police officer could not solve the mystery.

   _____

4. The parent enjoyed the student performance at the concert.

   _____

5. The musician listened to the lady playing the piano.

   _____

6. The baker threw out the burnt loaf on the shelf.

   _____

7. The parent admired the lily in the Principal's office.

   _____

8. The community honoured the national hero with special ceremony.

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Activity 3

Select the appropriate nouns, either singular or plural, to complete the following passage.

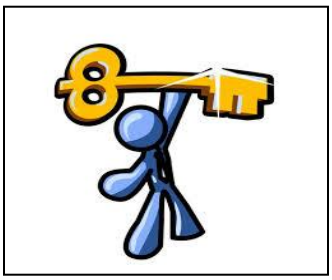


Sandy needed to find a pair of (short, shorts) to wear to the beach. She found one side of her (slipper, slippers) behind the only (chair, chairs) in her (bedroom, bedrooms), but the other (one,ones) was nowhere to be seen. Sandy looked under a pile of (book, books). She looked through all her (drawer,drawers) and in every (room,rooms) in the house. She finally found her second side of the pair of (slipper,slippers) in the very last (place, places)she thought to look which was under her (bed, beds).



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Answer Key



Activity 1

Singular nouns	Plural nouns
1.box	boxes
2. monkey	monkeys
3.diary	diaries
4. half	halves
5.girl	girls
6. family	families
7.tooth	teeth
8.life	lives
9.kidney	kidneys
10.chief	chiefs
11.woman	women
12.elf	elves
13. flower	flowers
14. brush	brushes
15.shelf	shelves

Activity 2

1. The hurricanes caused extensive damage to the islands.
2. The mice had nibbled on the chunks of cheese.
3. The police officers could not solve the mysteries.
4. The parents enjoyed the students' performance at the concert.

5. The musicians listened to the ladies playing the pianoes.
6. The bakers put the burnt loaves on the shelves.
7. The parents admired the lilies in the office.
8. The communities honoured the national heroes with special ceremonies.

Activity 3

Sandy needed to find a pair of shorts to wear to the beach. She found one side of her slippers behind the only chair in her bedroom, but the other one was nowhere to be seen. Sandy looked under a pile of books. She looked through all her drawers and in every room, She finally found her second side of her pair of slippers in the very last place she thought to look which was under her bed.