

Plural

Making Words

Instructions

1. Print pages 2-3 (color) or 4-5 (black and white) of this PDF, making sure your printer is set to portrait orientation.
2. Cut or fold pages to remove any extra white space.
3. Overlap the pages as indicated by the lighter duplicate strip at the top of page 3, then tape or glue together.
4. Hang the *Making Words Plural* poster in your desired location and let the learning fun begin!

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for more information on this spelling rule!

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Add **S**

Most of the
time, just add **s**.
scoop → scoops

Add **ES**

If you hear the sound of /iz/, use **es**.
dish → dishes

Words
Ending
in **Y**

If the word ends in a
consonant plus y, change **y** to **i** and add **es**.
cherry → cherries

If the word ends in a **vowel plus y**,
just add **s**.
day → days

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Words
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in **O**

If the word ends in a **vowel plus o**, add **s**.

pistachio → pistachios

If the word ends in a **consonant plus o**, add **s** or **es**.

(Consult a dictionary if needed.)

hero → heroes

piano → pianos

Words
Ending in
F or FE

If the word ends in **f** or **fe**, we often
change the **f** or **fe** to **v** and add **es**.

loaf → loaves

knife → knives

Some words ending in **f** don't change
when they become plural.

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