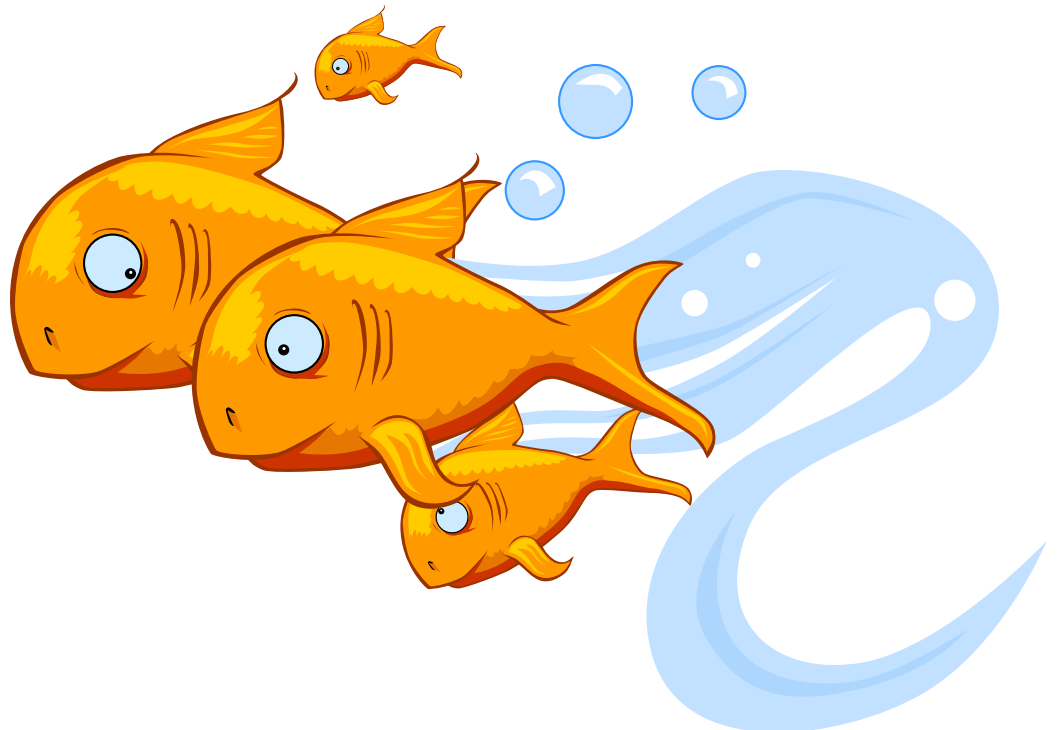


Plurals

The Rules

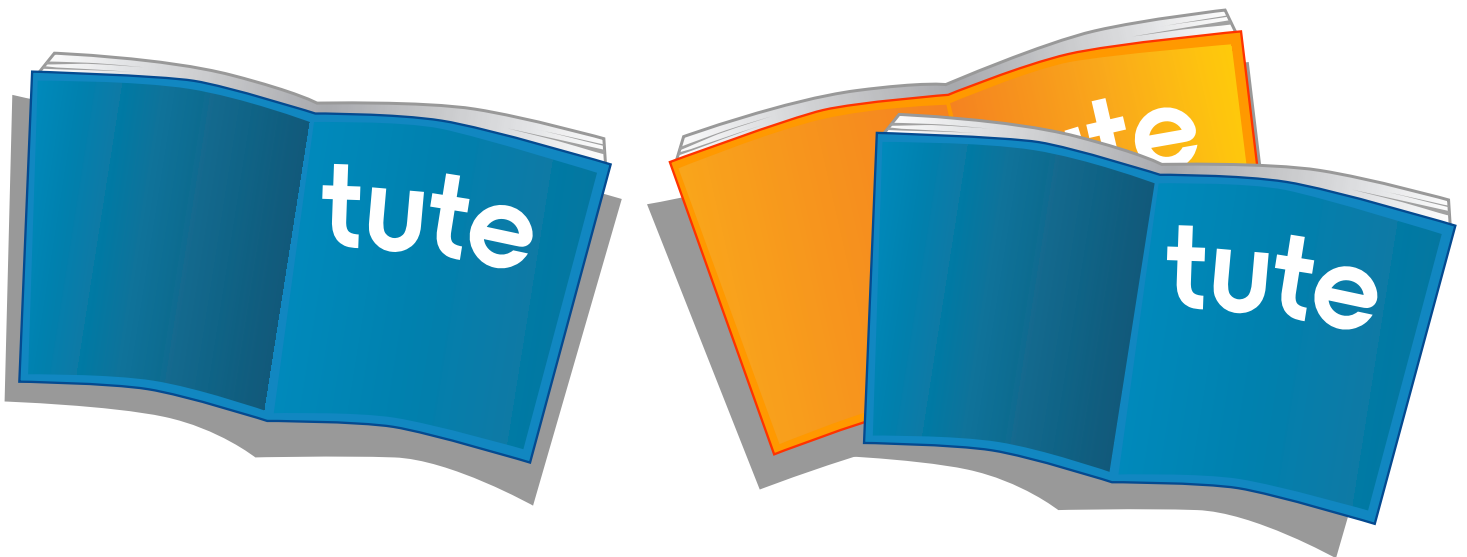


Rule 1

To make a plural, we add 's'
to most words.

One book

Two books



train

girl

car

trains

girls

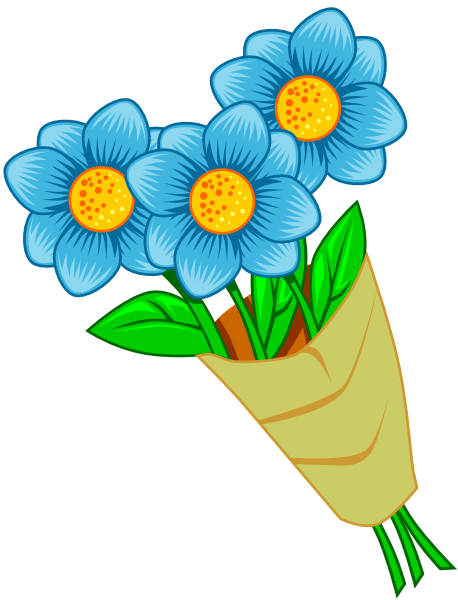
cars

Rule 2

We add 'es' to words ending in 'ch', 'sh', 's', 'ss', 'x' or 'z'.

One bunch

Many bunches



dish

bus

cross

dishes

buses

crosses

Vowels:

a, e, i, o, u

Consonants:

everything else!

Rule 3

When the letter **before** a 'y' is a consonant, change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding 'es'.

One baby



Many babies



cherry
family
lady

cherries
families
ladies

Rule 4

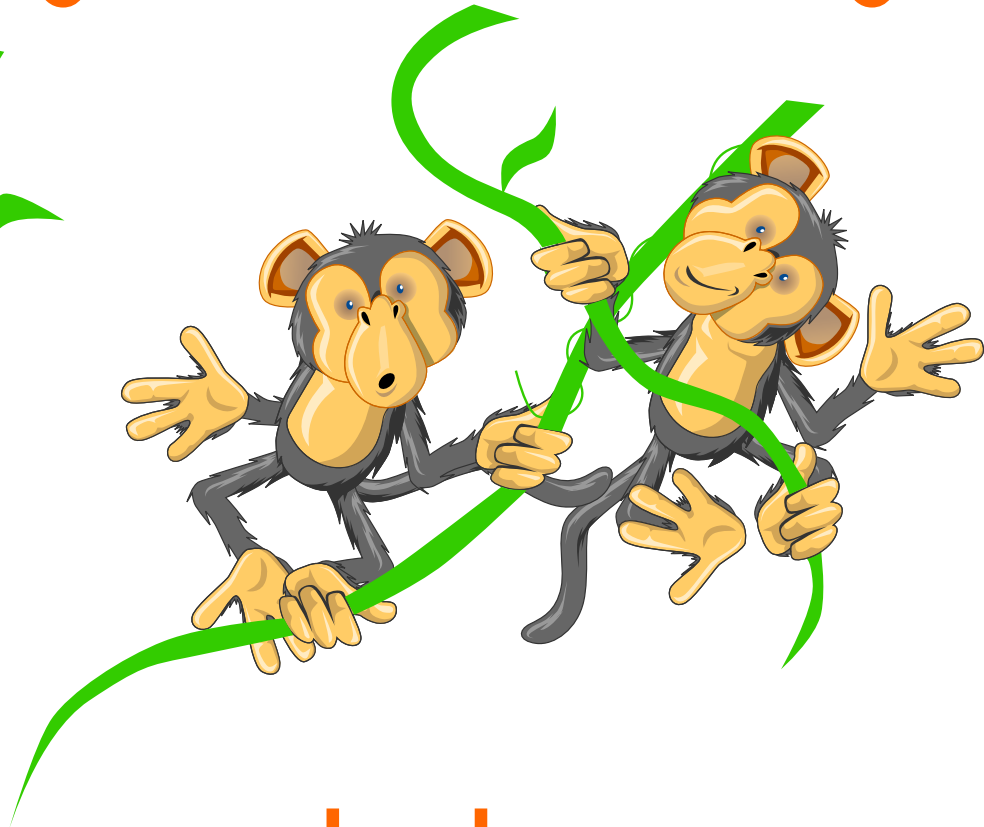
When the letter **before** a **'y'** is a **vowel**, add **'s'** to make the plural.

One monkey



donkey
monkey
trolley

Two monkeys



donkeys
monkeys
trolleys

Exceptions: cliffs, chiefs,
roofs, dwarfs and
handkerchiefs

Rule 5

When words end in 'f' or 'fe' change
the 'f' or 'fe' to a 'v' before adding
'es'.

One leaf



Many leaves



knife
wolf
elf

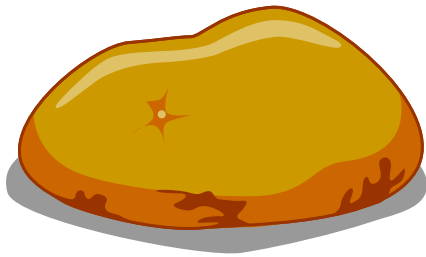
knives
wolves
elves

Exceptions: pianos,
banjos, solos, radios
and Eskimos.

Rule 6

When a word ends in an 'o' and comes after a consonant, add 'es' to make the plural.

One potato



Two potatoes



tomato

hero

echo

tomatoes

heroes

echoes

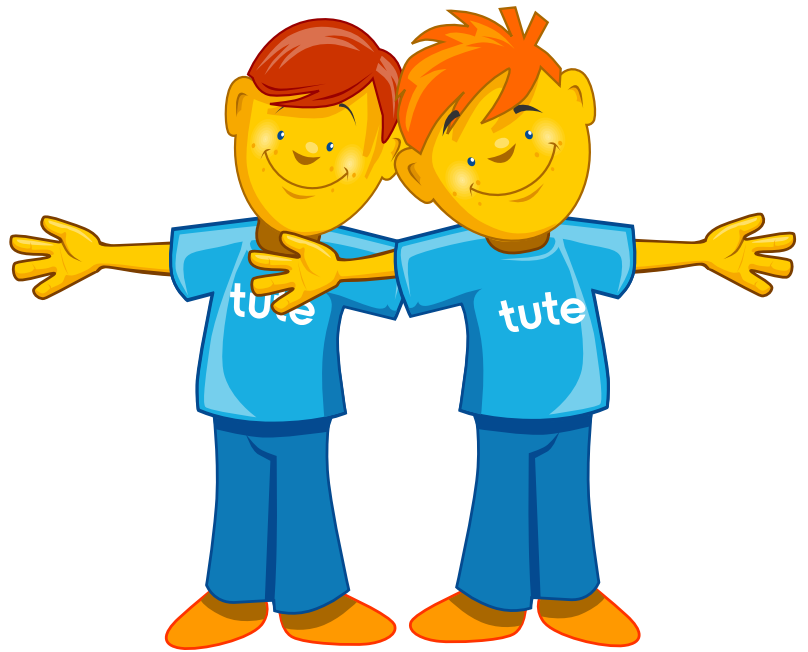
Rule 7

Sometimes a word may completely change its form when a plural is made.

One child



Two children



person

man

woman

tooth

people

men

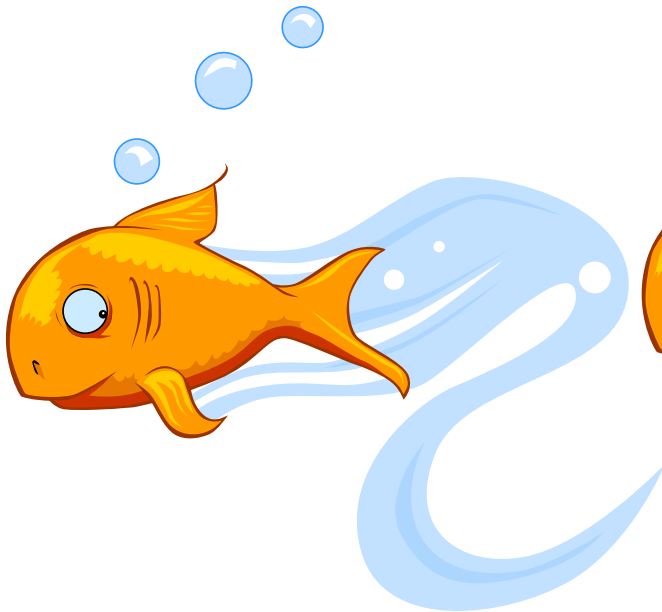
women

teeth

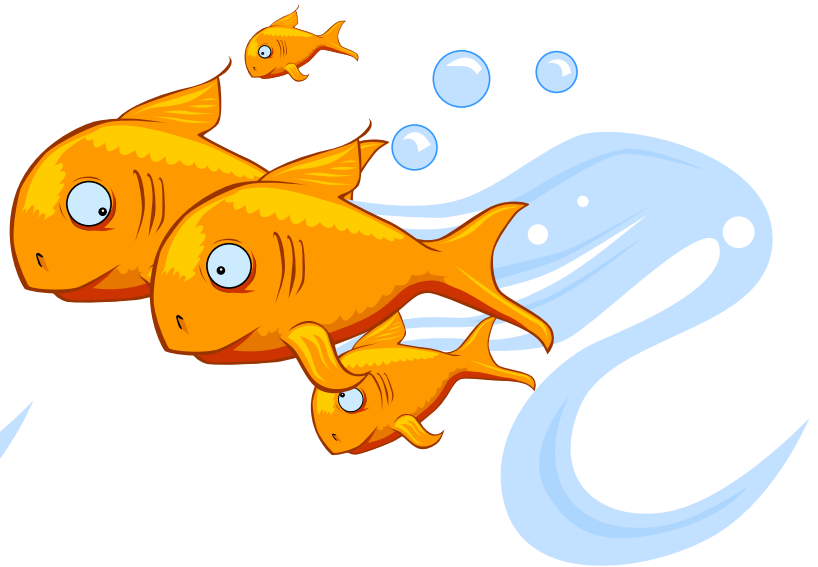
Rule 8

Sometimes a word may stay the same in both its **singular** and **plural** form.

One fish



Many fish



tuna
deer
series
sheep

tuna
deer
series
sheep