



Plural nouns

CAPS Statement

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences.

Uses nouns that have only plurals, e.g. scissors and trousers.

Note

Add -s to form most plural nouns.

Sometimes you add -es to form plurals of words ending in -s, -sh, -ch, -x or -z

For example: bunch - bunches; brush – brushes

There are a few nouns that are already in the plural and may end in -s.

Activity 1

	Singular	Plural
①	Calf	
②	Fish	
③	Fly	
④	Mouse	
⑤	Starfish	
⑥	Octopus	
⑦	Sheep	
⑧	Hippopotamus	
⑨	Goose	
⑩	Jellyfish	



Activity 2

Read through the text below. Underline all the plural nouns and correct any incorrect plural spelling above the word.

There are many things in my kitchen at home. In the refrigerator, there are some apples and pieces of watermelon. There are some cheeses, milk, butters and oils. I also keep coffee and rice in the fridge, as it stays fresher. I have a few pieces of lamb but there isn't any fishes. In the kitchen, there are many pictures on the wall that my children cut out with scissors. My son loves to listen to music with his headphones on while washing the dishes. My daughter loves ironing her trousers and clothes.

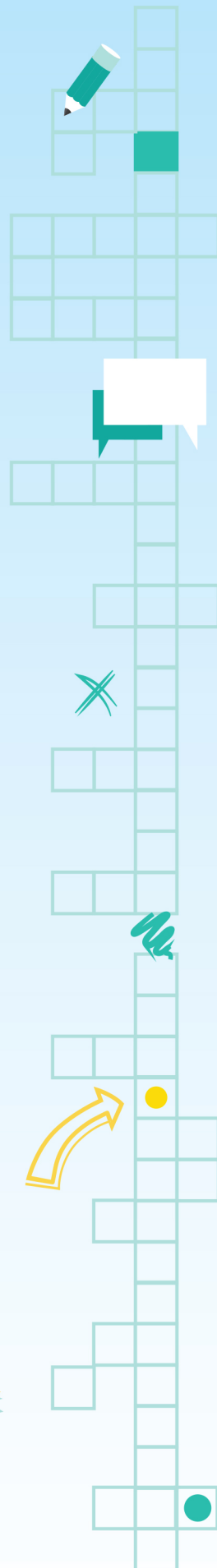
Activity 3

For each noun that only has a plural form, write a short sentence to explain the meaning.

- ① Goggles _____
- ② Binoculars _____
- ③ Jeans _____
- ④ Belongings _____
- ⑤ Riches _____
- ⑥ Jitters _____
- ⑦ Shenanigans _____
- ⑧ Remains _____
- ⑨ Suds _____
- ⑩ Pyjamas _____

Teacher Tip

Plurals can be confusing. There is some allowance for **fishes** and **grasses**, but to be grammatically correct we'll keep to different types of **fish** and **grass**. Encourage learners to use their personal dictionaries.





How to use proper nouns

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Working with words and sentences:

Builds on use of proper nouns, e.g. with capital letters

Note

Common nouns are things that you can see, feel and touch. For example, soldiers.

Proper nouns are the names of things and always begin with a capital letter.

For example: The Blue Guard soldiers marched on the Agincourt field in June.

Activity 1

Underline all the proper nouns and capitalise their first letter.

- ① mr and mrs shabalala enjoyed touring robben island.
- ② They decided to climb table mountain in january with their friends, jake and jack.
- ③ When in cape town one must try sushi, it is a rice dish from Japan made with raw fish.
- ④ My aunt feruza and I found many bargains at the market.
- ⑤ The indian ocean is so warm, it has all these exotic fish, like wahoo, spotted eagle ray and anemone fish.
- ⑥ thembi said that her friends inspire her to be a better person and to aim for jupiter.
- ⑦ pastor thompson taught us to never give up, listen to our parents and not to walk the bad path.
- ⑧ The orlando pirates help at a soup kitchen called dream big in their spare time.
- ⑨ I have always wanted to see the pyramids of giza in egypt, the wailing wall in israel and the great barrier reef in australia.
- ⑩ My uncle peter is an engineer who enjoys working on cessna planes.

Teacher Tip

Below is a list of proper noun categories.

- Holidays: Christmas, New Year's Day, Hanukkah, Thanksgiving
- Geographical areas: San Francisco, Europe, Spain, the Nile River
- People and pets: Mrs. Caroline Jones, Rip Van Winkle, Snoopy
- Books, Newspapers, Magazines: Wuthering Heights, Atlanta Journal.





It is what you believe it is

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Working with words and sentences:

Simple present to describe universal truths, e.g. 'The sun sets in the west.'

Note

The present simple is used to state universal truths (for example, laws of nature) or things we believe are, or are not, true. It is also used to make generalisations about something or somebody. Universal truths are what is agreed to be true and do not change from person to person.

Activity 1

State a universal truth for each picture. Underline the present simple tense.

Picture	Universal truth
	The Boeing factory <u>is</u> the biggest factory in the world. It <u>is</u> larger than Disney Land.
	
	
	
	