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Learning plurals with examples

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English grammar could get a little confusing and complicated when it comes to first time learners. This is the same case when it comes to plurals. Mastering the rules of plurals does take ample of practice and dedication. To know when to add an 'es' or just an 's' is something that you can develop gradually, as you progress on your English grammar learning venture. You should be aware of the fact that there are certain words in English that need an 'es' or 's' to make it plural, on the other hand, there are certain words that go untouched even while using them in their plural form. Confused? Don't be.

The below-mentioned examples should give you a fair idea of how to use plurals in the correct manner along with the various types of plural forms.

Explaining plurals with examples:

Examples:

1. Bag - bags
2. Dog - dogs
3. Horse - horses
4. Minute - minutes

Exceptions to this rule include- nouns that end with –ch, -x, -s, -sh, as their plural form use 'es'.

Examples:

1. Box - boxes
2. Boss - bosses
3. Bush - bushes
4. Church - churches
5. Gas - gases

Also, most nouns that end with an –o, have their plural forms by adding 'es'.

Example:

1. Potato - potatoes
2. Tomato - tomatoes
3. Volcano – volcanoes

Nouns that end with the alphabet 'z' have 'es' as their plural form.

Example:

Quiz- quizzes

Nouns that end with 'y' turn 'ies' in their plural form.

Example:

1. Party - parties
2. Lady - ladies

Nouns that end with 'f' have 'ves' in their plural form.

Examples:

1. Calf - calves
2. Half - halves
3. Wolf - wolves

Nonetheless, there are a few exceptions to this rule too.

1. Belief - beliefs

2. Chef - chefs
3. Roof - roofs

Let's now take a look at some irregular plurals.

Tip- Irregular plurals are usually nouns that are connected with human beings.

Examples:

1. Child - children
2. Person - people
3. Man - men

Some others that include animals include:

1. Goose - geese
2. Mouse - mice

Here is a list of some nouns that remain the same even in their plural form.

Example:

1. Aircraft - aircraft
2. Fish - fish
3. Sheep - sheep
4. Species - species

There are also certain nouns that only exist in their plural forms.

Example:

1. Cattle-cattle
2. Scissors-scissors
3. Trousers- trousers
4. Pyjamas- pyjamas
5. Tweezers- tweezers

The English language is simple once understood; however, English grammar could be a little baffling in the beginning. You need to make sure to be dedicated and focused while learning. You could also take up an English learning course online, as that would help you out with understanding not only the basics but also the details. Be sure to put in lots of time practicing, as nothing or no one can help you as well as practice and hard work.

You should also consider making all your conversations in English. Start by speaking in simple English, slowly picking the level higher by adding new and improved vocabulary, as well as, keeping a constant check on your usage of singulars and plurals.

All the very best in your English grammar mastering venture!

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