

Word Map

— Year 1 Spelling Rules —

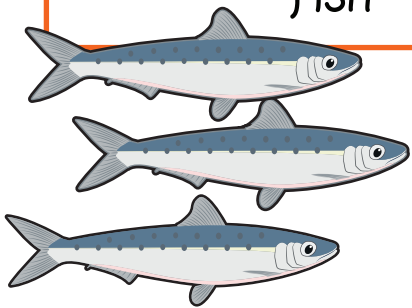
Words that don't change

Some words stay the same whether they are singular or plural.

sheep

deer

fish



General rule

Add **'s'** to change a word from singular to plural.

cat → cat**s**

dog → dog**s**

tower → tower**s**



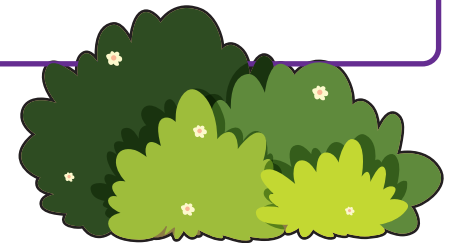
When the **'s'** makes the word have an extra syllable, add **'es'**

Add **'es'** to words ending in **'s'**, **'x'**, **'z'**, **'ch'** or **'sh'**.

hutch → hutch**es**

bush → bush**es**

cross → cross**es**



Making words plural

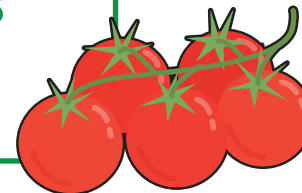
Some words ending in **'o'**

Some words ending in **'o'** need to be followed by **'es'** when making them plural.

tomato → tomato**es**

potato → potato**es**

hero → hero**es**



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Adding the suffixes **'ing'**, **'ed'** and **'er'**
when the root word doesn't need to be changed.

This happens when the root word ends in two consonants.

Adding 'ing'

jump → jump**ing**

help → help**ing**

buzz → buzz**ing**

hunt → hunt**ing**

Adding 'ed'

jump → jump**ed**

help → help**ed**

buzz → buzz**ed**

hunt → hunt**ed**

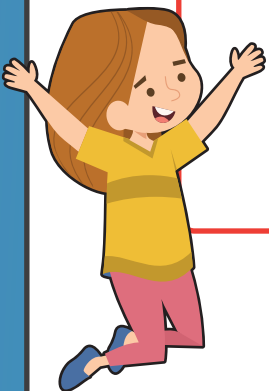
Adding 'er'

jump → jump**er**

help → help**er**

buzz → buzz**er**

hunt → hunt**er**



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Adding the suffixes **'er'** and **'est'** to adjectives when the root word doesn't need to be changed.

This happens when the root word ends in two consonants.

Adding 'er'

grand → grand**er**

fresh → fresh**er**

old → old**er**

quick → quick**er**

Adding 'est'

grand → grand**est**

fresh → fresh**est**

old → old**est**

quick → quick**est**

