

Spelling list: -es plurals

Understanding how nouns change when moving from singular to plural form is a fundamental aspect of English grammar. Plurals indicate that there is more than one of a noun.

When a word ends in *ch* , *s* , *sh* , *x* , or *z* , you can turn it into a *plural* by adding the letters *-es* .

For example:

arch becomes two *arches*

one *dress* becomes two *dresses*

one *brush* becomes two *brushes*

one *box* becomes two *boxes*

one *waltz* becomes two *waltzes*

While this rule may seem confusing at first, our spelling activities will have you confidently forming plurals in no time. Saying each word aloud will help you embed its spelling into your memory.

arches	The church had beautiful arches .
churches	Some churches use incense in their rites.
latches	Since the break in, we have added two more latches to our door.
stitches	Mark needed seven stitches in his arm.
biases	The case was infamous for the biases of several members of the jury.
dresses	Spotted dresses look fabulous in the summer.
grasses	We have several different grasses growing in the garden.
trespasses	The farmer reported three trespasses in one week.
brushes	The stable girl used three different brushes to groom her horse.
clashes	We heard three cymbal clashes .
crashes	There were three crashes this morning because of the ice.
washes	We put on several washes to get through the laundry pile.

boxes	I have lots of empty boxes .
foxes	There are many foxes in my garden.
influxes	Various cities have reported large influxes of tourists.
taxes	The Romans made everyone pay their taxes .
waltzes	Cinderella and the Prince danced eight waltzes at the ball.