

Plurals A

16k. To form the plurals of most nouns in English, add *s*.

16l. For nouns ending in *s, x, z, ch,* or *sh*, add *es*.

SINGULAR	shoe	bow	Alcott	mix	lunch	Martinez
PLURAL	shoes	bows	Alcotts	mixes	lunches	Martinezes

16m. For nouns ending in *y* preceded by a vowel, add *s*.

16n. For nouns ending in *y* preceded by a consonant, change the *y* to *i* and add *es*.

SINGULAR	tray	boy	Farley	cherry	copy
PLURAL	trays	boys	Farleys	cherries	copies
EXCEPTIONS	For proper nouns, add <i>s</i> . Kennedy—Kennedys				

EXERCISE A Spell the plural form of each of the following words. Write on the line provided.

Example 1. history *histories*

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| 1. ash _____ | 6. infirmary _____ |
| 2. bunny _____ | 7. Perry _____ |
| 3. Murry _____ | 8. cranberry _____ |
| 4. refrigerator _____ | 9. grass _____ |
| 5. box _____ | 10. locker _____ |

EXERCISE B Cross out each misspelled word in the following sentences. Then, above the misspelled word, write the word correctly. If a sentence is already correct, write *C* after it.

Example 1. Several of these statues were made by local ^{*sculptors*} ~~sculptores~~.

- Our city is one of those citys that proudly display the artwork of their citizens.
- At school, art classes are usually packed with eager learners.
- The Rodriguezs enlisted the help of a high school student.
- The student painted colorful murals on their restaurant walles.
- Judges at the courthouse decorated the hallways with prints by local photographers.
- A few boxes of pottery were requested by the owners of a bank building.
- They created elegant displayes in both the front and the side lobbies.
- Even youngsteres are encouraged to contribute to the local art scene.
- The kids painted their own paving tiles using small brushes and waterproof paints.
- The tiles were used as borderes around the flower beds at their school.