

Plurals B

16o. For some nouns ending in *f* or *fe*, add *s*. For others, change the *f* or *fe* to *v* and add *es*.

SINGULAR	staff	giraffe	wolf	leaf
PLURAL	staffs	giraffes	wolves	leaves

16p. For nouns ending in *o* preceded by a vowel, add *s*.

16q. For nouns ending in *o* preceded by a consonant, add *es*.

SINGULAR	patio	cameo	potato
PLURAL	patios	cameos	potatoes
EXCEPTIONS	For musical terms and proper nouns, add <i>s</i> . concerto—concertos Sakamoto—Sakamotos		

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

Example 1. commando commandos

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| 1. tomato _____ | 6. studio _____ |
| 2. alto _____ | 7. reef _____ |
| 3. shelf _____ | 8. soprano _____ |
| 4. mosquito _____ | 9. Scorpio _____ |
| 5. gaffe _____ | 10. tariff _____ |

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. ~~Rooves~~^{Roofs} on houses in my neighborhood were damaged in the hailstorm.

- The electronics store has stereoes on sale this week.
- These igloos are made of packed snow.
- Rocky cliffes towered above the tiny, sandy beach.
- The major movie studios are releasing some great new movies!
- Mom selected one of the carving knives for slicing the ham.
- Carefully, Stephen painted the torpedos that were part of the model ship.
- Most of the wives voted to include men in their homemakers' group.
- Jamaal likes people who don't take themselves too seriously.
- Carlito manages four chefs at an Italian restaurant.
- Which of these pianoes needs tuning?