

Plurals D

16u. For some nouns, the singular and the plural forms are the same.

EXAMPLES Japanese, sheep, aircraft

16v. For numerals, letters, symbols, and words used as words, add an apostrophe and *s*.

EXAMPLES 9's, A's, %'s, hello's

EXERCISE On each line provided, write the plural form of the word, numeral, letter, or symbol given in parentheses.

Examples 1. How many B's have you gotten in math this semester? (*B*)

2. Both male and female reindeer have antlers. (*reindeer*)

- The full-color book contained photographs of various _____. (*spacecraft*)
- I typed a line of _____ to separate two sections of my e-mail message. (*)
- I practiced my oral presentation, trying to stop using so many _____. (*um*)
- Sandy writes _____ with a curly flourish. (2)
- Ms. Matson could not discern whether Alejandro had written _____ or zeros. (0)
- He put the salmon in a basket with the other _____ he had caught. (*salmon*)
- "In your formal writing," wrote Mr. Polaski, "Do not use _____." (&)
- Some people believe that _____ are lucky. (7)
- I used a function on the computer to find all the _____ in my paper. (*very*)
- Hannah writes _____ before apartment numbers in addresses. (#)
- "How many _____ are in the word?" asked the game show host. (*e*)
- My phone number contains four _____. (3)
- Simon is fascinated with _____, and he plans to become a pilot. (*aircraft*)
- The culture of the _____ is both ancient and intriguing. (*Chinese*)
- The cartoonist wrote three _____ in the speech bubble. (?)
- Did any of the gymnasts score _____ at the competition? (10)
- I heard a few _____ as I climbed across people's feet to get to my seat. (*ouch*)
- My friend Irma pronounces her _____ differently than I do. (*r*)
- There are only two red _____ on my test! (X)
- Several _____ cautiously approached the water hole. (*moose*)