Spelling: Plurals

Nouns come in two forms: singular and plural. When a noun is singular, it means there is only one person, place, or thing.

Examples: car, swing, box, truck, slide, bus

When a noun is plural, it means there is more than one person, place, or thing.

Examples: two cars, four trucks, three swings, five slides, six boxes, three buses

Usually an s is added to most nouns to make them plural. However, if the noun ends in s, x, ch or sh, then es is added to make it plural.

Directions: Write the singular or plural form of each word.

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Directions: Rewrite the following sentences, and change the bold nouns from singular to plural or from plural to singular. The first one has been done for you.

1. She took a book to school.
   She took books to school.

2. Tommy made wishes at his birthday party.

3. The fox ran away from the hunters.

4. The houses were painted white.
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When a word ends with a consonant before y, to make it plural, drop the y and add ies.

Examples:
- party
- cherry
- daisy
- parties
- cherries
- daisies

However, if the word ends with a vowel before y, just add s.

Examples:
- boy
- toy
- monkey
- boys
- toys
- monkeys

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Directions: Write six sentences of your own using any of the plurals above.
Pronoun Antecedents

A pronoun's **antecedent** is the noun or nouns the pronoun refers to.

**Example:**

Green beans, corn, and potatoes are my favorite vegetables. I could eat them for every meal.

The pronoun **them** refers to the nouns **green beans, corn, and potatoes**.

**Directions:** Find the pronoun in each sentence, and write it in the blank below. Underline the word or words the pronoun refers to. The first one has been done for you.

1. The fruit trees look so beautiful in the spring when they are covered with blossoms.
   
   **they**

2. Tori is a high school cheerleader. She spends many hours at practice.

3. The football must have been slippery because of the rain. The quarterback could not hold on to it.

4. Aunt Donna needs a babysitter for her 3-year-old tonight.

5. The art projects are on the table. Could you please put them on the top shelf along the wall?
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1. Did Aaron see *The Lego Movie*? Jay thought it was a very good movie.
   _____________

2. Maysie can help you with the spelling words now, Tasha.
   _____________

3. The new tennis coach said to call him after 6:00 tonight.
   _____________

4. Sam, Levi, and Luis called to say they would be later than planned.
   _____________

5. Mrs. Burns enjoyed the snacks her class brought for the surprise party.
   _____________

6. The children are waiting outside. Ask Josh to take the pinwheels out to them.
   _____________

7. Mrs. Taylor said to go on ahead because she will be late.
   _____________

8. The whole team must sit on the bus until the driver gives us permission to get off.
   _____________

9. Dad said the umbrella did a poor job of keeping the rain off him.
   _____________

10. The umbrella was blowing around too much. That’s probably why it didn’t do a good job.
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