

rain storm
singular--plural

morning--mornings

woman's umbrella

building—buildings

downpour
sky—skies
students' umbrellas
common--proper

collective
window--windows

Monday—Mondays
visibility

traffic
crowd
possessive

concrete--abstract
smile--smiles

boot--boots
street—streets

sidewalk

today's assignment

opportunity

friendship education

glasses

Nouns

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Parts of Speech—Nouns

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Find the Nouns

A noun names a *person*, (fireman) a *place*, (gymnasium) a *thing*, (football) or an *idea/quality* (freedom--honesty). Capitalized word such as *Susan*, *Vermont*, and *Thanksgiving* are **proper nouns**. All capitalized words are nouns, which the exception of first word of a sentence, which is always capitalized but not always a noun.

Seasons of the year—*spring*, *summer*, *fall* (*autumn*), *winter*—are not capitalized unless they are part of a proper noun like *Autumn Leaves*, the title of a song. As a general rule, numbers are adjectives and not nouns.

Find the nouns in the following sentences. Write your answers in the numbered blanks, which indicate how many nouns there are in each one.



1. What a beautiful day for a stroll in the park. (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____
2. After a five-mile climb, the group of hikers were overcome with exhaustion. (1) _____
(2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
3. The 1904 St. Louis World's Fair featured the very first Ferris Wheel.
(1) _____ (2) _____
4. After lunch, the class watched a video about Alan Shepard, the second person and first American to go into space.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
(4) _____ (5) _____
(6) _____ (7) _____
5. Dad took the whole family to the restaurant that just opened near the mall.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
6. An inability to control his temper has caused David more grief than he deserves.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
7. Lightning struck several large trees near the elementary school, but thankfully the mangled limbs did not fall and cause damage to the building.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
(5) _____ (6) _____
8. The aroma of freshly baked bread greeted the guests at the door.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
9. Laughing children walked through a large, open door and then scurried in different directions to school buses and cars where parents awaited their arrival.
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____
(5) _____ (6) _____ (7) _____
10. October brings beauty to the world with color. (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

Plural Nouns

Plural nouns name *more than one* person, place, thing, or idea/condition. A singular noun usually changes its spelling to become plural.

Rules:

Most nouns form the plural by adding **s**. (Example: **bee**--bees)



Nouns that end in **ch, sh, ss, s, x, or z** form their plurals by adding **es**.
(Example: *church*—churches *class*—classes **wish**--wishes)

If a noun ends in a **consonant** and a **y**, form the plural by changing the **y** to **i** and adding **es**.
Proper nouns are an exception. (Example: *penny*—pennies *two Stanleys*)

If a noun ends in a **vowel** and a **y**, form the plural by adding **s**. (Example: *holiday*—*holidays*)

Some words that end in **f** or **fe** change the **f/fe** to **v** and add **-es**, but there are many exceptions.
(Example: *wife*—*wives* Exceptions: *safe*--safes *café*—cafes *giraffe*--giraffes)

Some nouns have irregular plurals. (Example: *child*—*children*)

Choose the correct plural spelling for each sentence and write it in the blank to the left.

- _____ 1. **Alligator** (alligators, alligatores) are dangerous animals.
- _____ 2. Three **nurse** (nursies, nurses) rushed to the child's side.
- _____ 3. My **friend** (friends, friendes) and I were glad to be back home after the long ride.
- _____ 4. In my opinion, my brothers are behaving like baby **monkey** (monkeys, monkies).
- _____ 5. Thanksgiving and Christmas are my two favorite **holiday** (holidaiies, holidays).
- _____ 6. The low-hanging **branch** (branches, branchs) swayed in the wind and scratched against the window.
- _____ 7. Cool **breeze** (breezes, breeze) floated through the open window.
- _____ 8. During the Middle Ages, most people lived their **life** (lifes, lives) in the same place, never moving or traveling far from home.
- _____ 9. No pets, except for service animals, are allowed on city **bus** (buses, bussies.)
- _____ 10. If I had three **wish** (wishes, wishess), my third one would be another wish.

Plural or Possessive?

Plural nouns and **possessive nouns** can be confusing because many of them sound exactly alike. *Cars, car's, and cars'—trees, tree's, and trees'—shoes, shoe's, shoes'* are all good examples. The way they are used in a sentence determines which form is correct.

Study each of the following sentences and decide if the word in parentheses should be a plural noun, a singular possessive noun, or a plural possessive noun. Write your answer in the blank to the left. Remember that spelling counts, especially the placement of the apostrophe in the possessive forms.



- _____ 1. During World War II, thousands of (airplane) were built by women factory workers affectionately called "Rosie the Riveter."
- _____ 2. I have a collection of unusual drinking (straw).
- _____ 3. Some (island) have tropical climates, but others do not.
- _____ 4. The three (dog) wore matching collars.
- _____ 5. A (giraffe) neck has the same number of bones as a human's.
- _____ 6. The (thumb) on both gloves are full of holes.
- _____ 7. The local (men) team won the tournament.
- _____ 8. The (student) books will be temporarily stored in a mobile trailer unit.
- _____ 9. The door on the (boy) bathroom in the 7th grade hall is being repaired.
- _____ 10. All six (lizard) have stripes on their tails.
- _____ 11. The lawyer is trying to prove that his (client) rights were violated.
- _____ 12. A (turtle) shell is a defense mechanism as well as a container for its body.
- _____ 13. My (cell phone) batteries need to be recharged every other day.