Plural Word Paths

Two ways to name more than one

3.LF.36.c "Form plural nouns, verbs, and possessives, including irregular plural nouns and verbs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADD -S OR -ES

Add -s or -es to a noun to name more than one. The rest of the word stays the same.

cup → cups

CHANGE THE WORD

Some nouns have a different form when they name more than one. Adding -s or -es will not make their plural form.

goose → geese

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADD or CHANGE for each pair, then pick two pairs and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. train → trains ADD CHANGE

2. box → boxes ADD CHANGE

3. foot → feet ADD CHANGE

4. tree → trees ADD CHANGE

5. mouse → mice ADD CHANGE

6. child → children ADD CHANGE

7. dish → dishes ADD CHANGE

8. person → people ADD CHANGE

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new singular-to-plural pair for ADD and one for CHANGE.

ADD _____

CHANGE _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same kind of person or animal. Tell about one in the first sentence and more than one in the second. Use a CHANGE plural.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	train → trains	**ADD**	The plural adds -s.
2	box → boxes	**ADD**	The plural adds -es.
3	foot → feet	**CHANGE**	The noun changes form.
4	tree → trees	**ADD**	The plural adds -s.
5	mouse → mice	**CHANGE**	The noun changes form.
6	child → children	**CHANGE**	The noun changes form.
7	dish → dishes	**ADD**	The plural adds -es.
8	person → people	**CHANGE**	The noun changes form.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ADD**: book → books
- **CHANGE**: tooth → teeth

Challenge: One woman sings. Two women sing.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify an added -s or -es or a different plural form. In the challenge sample, woman changes to women, and the verb agrees with each subject.