

Plural Word Hunt

Sort plural nouns by how they are made.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.1b "Form and use frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., feet, children, teeth, mice, fish)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

REGULAR PLURAL

A regular plural usually adds -s or -es to name more than one.

one boat, two boats

IRREGULAR PLURAL

An irregular plural has a special form. It does not simply add -s or -es.

one man, two men

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each plural noun, then circle the group it belongs to.

1. two children

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

2. three dishes

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

3. five kites

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

4. four mice

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

5. two feet

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

6. six buses

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

7. three fish

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

8. four boxes

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

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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 _____

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new example for each group.

REGULAR _____

IRREGULAR _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses two irregular plural nouns.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	two children	IRREGULAR	Children is the irregular plural of child.
2	three dishes	REGULAR	Dishes adds -es to dish.
3	five kites	REGULAR	Kites adds -s to kite.
4	four mice	IRREGULAR	Mice is the irregular plural of mouse.
5	two feet	IRREGULAR	Feet is the irregular plural of foot.
6	six buses	REGULAR	Buses adds -es to bus.
7	three fish	IRREGULAR	Fish can name more than one fish without adding -s or -es.
8	four boxes	REGULAR	Boxes adds -es to box.

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)

- **REGULAR:** three tomatoes
- **IRREGULAR:** two women

Challenge: The men saw geese flying over the lake.

For Part 2, accept explanations that say regular plurals add -s or -es and irregular plurals use a special form. Accept other correct student-created examples for Part 3 and the challenge.