

Plural Noun Sort

Sort plural nouns by how they are made.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1b "Form and use regular and irregular plural nouns."

NAME _____

DATE _____

REGULAR PLURALS

Regular plurals add -s or -es to a singular noun.
one dog, two dogs

IRREGULAR PLURALS

Irregular plurals do not simply add -s or -es. They may change to a new word or stay the same.
one child, two children

1 SORT

8 items

Part 1: Circle the tag for each plural noun, then in Part 2, choose two nouns and explain which spelling change, or lack of change, helped you sort each one.

1. mice

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

2. books

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

3. dishes

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

4. feet

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

5. cats

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

6. men

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

7. boxes

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

8. sheep

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

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 regular plural noun and one new irregular plural noun.

REGULAR _____

IRREGULAR _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses one regular plural noun and one irregular plural noun.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	mice	IRREGULAR	The singular noun mouse changes to mice.
2	books	REGULAR	The singular noun book adds -s.
3	dishes	REGULAR	The singular noun dish adds -es.
4	feet	IRREGULAR	The singular noun foot changes to feet.
5	cats	REGULAR	The singular noun cat adds -s.
6	men	IRREGULAR	The singular noun man changes to men.
7	boxes	REGULAR	The singular noun box adds -es.
8	sheep	IRREGULAR	The singular and plural forms are both sheep.

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:** cups.
- **IRREGULAR:** women.

Challenge: The dogs saw the children.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name adding -s or -es for a regular plural, or changing the word or keeping it the same for an irregular plural. Accept other correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge.