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."

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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

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.

ANSWER KEY # Plural Noun Sort

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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.