Plural Form Detectives

Sort plural forms. Explain two choices. Make your own.

2.L.GC.1.19 "Grammar: Form and use irregular plural nouns. (Continue)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

CORRECT FORM

The plural noun is written the right way. Some nouns change their spelling instead of adding s or es.

one person, two people

NEEDS A FIX

The plural noun is not written the right way. Use the special plural form instead.

one ox, two oxes

1 SORT

8 items

Read each phrase and circle CORRECT or FIX.

1.	two geese	CORRECT FIX
2.	four children	CORRECT FIX
3.	three foot	CORRECT FIX
4.	five mice	CORRECT FIX
5.	two deers	CORRECT FIX
6.	three womans	CORRECT FIX
7.	six sheep	CORRECT FIX
8.	four mans	CORRECT FIX

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 CORRECT plural phrase and one new FIX plural phrase.

CORRECT _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence that uses an irregular plural noun correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	two geese	**CORRECT**	Goose changes to geese.
2	four children	**CORRECT**	Child changes to children.
3	three foot	**FIX**	Foot changes to feet when there is more than one.
4	five mice	**CORRECT**	Mouse changes to mice.
5	two deers	**FIX**	The plural of deer is deer.
6	three womans	**FIX**	Woman changes to women.
7	six sheep	**CORRECT**	The plural of sheep is sheep.
8	four mans	**FIX**	Man changes to men.

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)

- **CORRECT**: three oxen
- **FIX**: two childs

Challenge: The men carried the boxes.

For Part 2, accept explanations that tell the singular noun and its correct plural form. For Part 3, accept other accurate irregular plural examples that do not copy a worksheet item.