Plural Word Sort

How does the noun name more than one?

L.2.1.b "frequently occurring irregular nouns."

NAME _____ DATE _____

CHANGES IN A SPECIAL WAY

Some nouns have a special word for more than one. They do not just add s or es.

one woman, two women

ADDS S OR ES

Some nouns name more than one by adding s or es to the word for one.

one boat, two boats

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle CHANGES or ADDS for each noun; for Part 2, pick two items and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. children — CHANGES ADDS

2. dogs — CHANGES ADDS

3. mice — CHANGES ADDS

4. feet — CHANGES ADDS

5. cats — CHANGES ADDS

6. teeth — CHANGES ADDS

7. geese — CHANGES ADDS

8. cups — CHANGES ADDS

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 plural noun for CHANGES and one new plural noun for ADDS.

CHANGES _____

ADDS _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with two different CHANGES nouns, and underline both nouns.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	children	**CHANGES**	The plural of child is children, not a form made by adding s or es.
2	dogs	**ADDS**	Add s to dog to make dogs.
3	mice	**CHANGES**	The plural of mouse is mice.
4	feet	**CHANGES**	The plural of foot is feet.
5	cats	**ADDS**	Add s to cat to make cats.
6	teeth	**CHANGES**	The plural of tooth is teeth.
7	geese	**CHANGES**	The plural of goose is geese.
8	cups	**ADDS**	Add s to cup to make cups.

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)

- **CHANGES**: men
- **ADDS**: kites

Challenge: Two men saw three mice.

For Part 2, accept explanations that give the word for one and show whether the plural changes in a special way or adds s or es. For Part 3, accept other correct examples that are not sort items.