Plural Word Sort

How does a noun change to mean more than one?

L.3.1 "When writing or speaking, demonstrate command of the conventions of General American English grammar and usage. Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs in a grade-level text..."

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REGULAR PLURALS

A regular plural follows a spelling rule, such as adding -s or -es to a noun.

One shell, two shells

IRREGULAR PLURALS

An irregular plural changes in a different way. Its letters may change, or it may become a new word.

One mouse, two mice

1 SORT

8 items

Circle REGULAR or IRREGULAR for each word, then pick two items and explain how you knew where they belong.

1.	1. boats	REGULAR IRREGULAR
2.	2. children	REGULAR IRREGULAR
3.	3. feet	REGULAR IRREGULAR
4.	4. dishes	REGULAR IRREGULAR
5.	5. lamps	REGULAR IRREGULAR
6.	6. geese	REGULAR IRREGULAR
7.	7. boxes	REGULAR IRREGULAR
8.	8. trains	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 using a regular plural noun and an irregular plural noun, and underline both plural nouns.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. boats	**REGULAR**	Boat adds -s to become boats.
2	2. children	**IRREGULAR**	Child changes to children instead of adding -s or -es.
3	3. feet	**IRREGULAR**	Foot changes its letters to become feet.
4	4. dishes	**REGULAR**	Dish adds -es to become dishes.
5	5. lamps	**REGULAR**	Lamp adds -s to become lamps.
6	6. geese	**IRREGULAR**	Goose changes its letters to become geese.
7	7. boxes	**REGULAR**	Box adds -es to become boxes.
8	8. trains	**REGULAR**	Train adds -s to become trains.

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**: rivers
- **IRREGULAR**: men

Challenge: The women filled cups with water.

Accept explanations that identify each noun's singular form and tell how it changed. For the challenge, check that both underlined words are plural nouns and that one is regular and one is irregular.