

Plural Word Sort

Sort regular and irregular plural nouns.

2.LU.1.C "Form and use regular and frequently occurring irregular plural nouns (e.g., men, teeth)."

NAME _____

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REGULAR PLURALS

Regular plural nouns follow a spelling rule.
They often add s or es, or change y to ies.

boats

IRREGULAR PLURALS

Irregular plural nouns do not follow the usual
spelling rules. The word changes in a special
way.

mice

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag for each plural noun, then choose two items and explain how you knew where each one belongs.

1. foxes

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

2. children

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

3. feet

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

4. buses

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

5. berries

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

6. toys

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

7. people

REGULAR

IRREGULAR

8. geese

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 a sentence with an irregular plural noun, and draw a line under the plural noun.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	foxes	REGULAR	Adds -es to make a regular plural.
2	children	IRREGULAR	Changes from child to children.
3	feet	IRREGULAR	Changes from foot to feet.
4	buses	REGULAR	Adds -es to make a regular plural.
5	berries	REGULAR	Changes y to ies to make a regular plural.
6	toys	REGULAR	Adds -s to make a regular plural.
7	people	IRREGULAR	Changes from person to people.
8	geese	IRREGULAR	Changes from goose to geese.

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:** dogs
- **IRREGULAR:** women

Challenge: Three _mice_ ran into the barn.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name a spelling rule for a regular plural or explain that an irregular plural changes in a special way. Accept other correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge.