Plural Power 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)."

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.