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Nouns - Plural Form

Read the letter and put the words in **bold type** under the correct heading.

COMMON NOUNS

CONCRETE	ABSTRACT
<u>girl</u>	
<u>student</u>	
<u>parrot</u>	
<u>school</u>	<u>Love</u>
<u>pet</u>	

Monday, April 12

Dear Sally,

Hi! I'm Tanya. I'm a girl from Italy. I'm 13 and I am a student at high school. I've got a pet. It's a parrot. Have you got a pet? Write soon!

Love, Tanya

PROPER NOUNS

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tanya</u>
<u>Sally</u>	<u>Italy</u>
<u>April</u>	



Nouns are the names of people, animals, things, places etc. There are two groups of nouns:

PROPER NOUNS

- People's first names and surnames:
John - Mr Smith
- Countries, areas etc.:
Italy - Europe
- Days and months:
Monday - June

COMMON NOUNS

- Concrete nouns:
dog - tree - bag
- Abstract nouns:
love - help

A Nouns

Proper nouns begin with a **capital** letter and don't usually take an article before them.

Look at the picture and complete the boxes with the plural form of the words below.



- We form the plural of most nouns by adding **-s** at the end:
book - books cat - cats

- We form the plural of nouns which end in **-s, -ch, -sh, -x, -o** by adding **-es** at the end:



B Plural Form

class - class**es**
watch - watch**es**
brush - brush**es**
box - box**es**
potato - potato**es**

BUT

radio - radio**s**
kilo - kilo**s**
photo - photo**s**
piano - piano**s**

- Nouns which end in **consonant** + **y** change the **-y** to **-i** and take **-es**:

city - cities
country - countries

BUT

boy - boys
monkey - monkeys
(because they end in **vowel** + **y**)

- Some nouns which end in **-f** or **-fe** form their plural in **-ves**:

leaf - leaves
wife - wives
life - lives

BUT

roof - roofs

NOTE

this - these
that - those

Irregular nouns

man - men
woman - women
child - children
goose - geese
tooth - teeth
foot - feet
mouse - mice
ox - oxen

Some nouns remain the same in the singular and the plural:

deer - deer
sheep - sheep
fish - fish

PRONUNCIATION

The ending of nouns in the plural form is pronounced

- /iz/ when the noun ends in a /s/, /z/, /ch/, /sh/ sound:
watch - watches
- /s/ when the noun ends in a /f/, /k/, /t/, /p/, /th/ sound:
roof - roofs
- /z/ when the noun ends in any other sound:
boy - boys tree - trees



ACTIVITIES

A Communication - Pairwork

Ask and answer questions about the picture, as in the example.

e.g. ① A: What are these?

B: Two pictures.



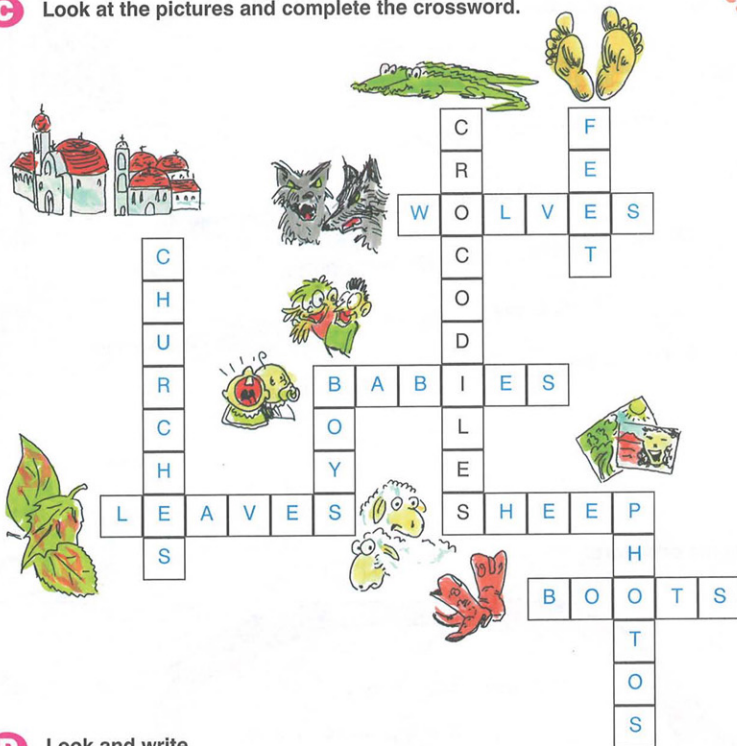
B Read the words, form the plural and complete the chart according to their pronunciation.

~~glass~~ ~~baby~~ ~~skirt~~ doctor dress month roof church peach
bird desk dog cup orange potato plate nurse animal



iz	s	z
glasses	skirts	babies
dresses	months	doctors
churches	roofs	birds
peaches	desks	dogs
oranges	cups	potatoes
nurses	plates	animals

C Look at the pictures and complete the crossword.



D Look and write.

1.



four teeth

2.



three knives

3.



two clouds

4.



five strawberries

5.



two dresses