



Graphophonemic Knowledge | Consonant Doubling and Inflectional Endings: Inflectional Endings

GK-69 Making Singular Nouns Plural

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Students read words with the inflectional endings -s and -es.

MATERIALS: Word list, chart paper, small index cards, pencils/markers

- Make a two-column sorting chart labeled
 -s and -es. On index cards, write singular noun
 words, one to a card.
- 2 Review the rule for making singular nouns plural: For most singular nouns, add -s to form the plural. When a singular noun ends in s ss ch sh x z, add -es to form the plural.
- 3 Pass out the singular noun word cards so each student has a handful to sort.
- 4 Students read a word, make it plural and place it under the correct label on the sorting chart. If the answer is incorrect, ask the student to repeat the rule for adding -s or -es.

When sorting is complete, students read the word again.

EXAMPLE: Singular Nouns					
	Adding -	-s	Adding -es		
cap	cc	w	mix	pass	
hill	pa	ark	dress	crash	
bum	ір ах	æ	box	bus	
bun	ch	nick	glass	dish	
cliff	fa	rm	brush	church	
frier	nd co	at	kiss	tax	
tune	la	ugh	dish	lunch	
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EXTENSION: When students have mastered creating plurals using the rule above, introduce these additional rules for creating plurals.

Rule: Make a singular noun ending with a consonant and o plural by adding -es.

tomato -> tomatoes potato -> potatoes hero -> heroes

tornado -> tornadoes

Rule: Make a singular noun ending in a vowel and o plural by adding -s.

radio -> radios studio -> studios

Rule: Make a singular noun ending in f or fe plural by changing the f to v and adding –es or –s.

knife -> knives calf -> calves



PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print the poster on page 2. You may wish to enlarge it and mount it on colored tag board. Print the Sorting Chart and the Word Cards. Cut the Word Cards apart. Follow the directions for play.

Making Singula: Nouns Plural:

For most singular nouns, add —s to form the plural

When a singular noun ends in:

:h sh x z

SS

add -es to form the plural

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		Adding -s	
		Adding -es	

cap

COW

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hill

park

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bump

axe

GK-69

GK-69

bun

chick

GK-69

GK-69

cliff

farm

GK-69 GK-69

friend

coat

GK-69 GK-69

tune

laugh

GK-69 GK-69

Word Cards

GK-69

mix

pass

GK-69 GK-69

dress

crash

GK-69 GK-69

box

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