



## Plural Nouns: Common Irregular Plurals

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The \_\_\_ are playing in the playground.  
a) childs  
b) children  
c) childrens  
d) childdes
- Two \_\_\_ entered the room.  
a) women  
b) womans  
c) womens  
d) womanies
- My \_\_\_ hurt after the long walk.  
a) foots  
b) feets  
c) feet  
d) footes
- I need to go to the dentist — my \_\_\_ ache.  
a) tooths  
b) teeths  
c) toothes  
d) teeth
- There are five \_\_\_ in the office.  
a) men  
b) mans  
c) mens  
d) manes
- There were a lot of \_\_\_ at the concert.  
a) person  
b) people  
c) peoples  
d) persones
- The cat caught three \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) mouses  
b) mices  
c) mice  
d) mousies
- We saw several \_\_\_ by the lake.  
a) gooses  
b) geeses  
c) goosies  
d) geese
- The farmer has a hundred \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) sheep  
b) sheeps  
c) sheepes  
d) sheepies
- We caught ten \_\_\_ in the lake.  
a) fishs  
b) fish  
c) fishies  
d) fishen
- Three \_\_\_ were grazing in the forest.  
a) deers  
b) deeres  
c) deer  
d) deeries

12. Several \_\_\_\_ are on display at the museum.  
a) aircraft  
b) aircrafts  
c) aircraftes  
d) aircraftses
13. She counted the \_\_\_\_ in the barn.  
a) oxs  
b) oxen  
c) oxes  
d) oxies
14. These \_\_\_\_ are both endangered.  
a) specieses  
b) specie  
c) species  
d) specis
15. Many \_\_\_\_ swim upstream every spring.  
a) salmon  
b) salmons  
c) salmones  
d) salmonies
16. The streaming service released three new \_\_\_\_ last month.  
a) serieses  
b) serie  
c) seriess  
d) series
17. We saw two \_\_\_\_ near the lake.  
a) mooses  
b) moose  
c) moosies  
d) moosen
18. The fisherman caught five \_\_\_\_ this morning.  
a) trouts  
b) troutes  
c) trout  
d) trouties
19. The school sent a letter about head \_\_\_\_.  
a) louses  
b) lices  
c) lousies  
d) lice
20. A small herd of \_\_\_\_ was spotted on the plain.  
a) bisons  
b) bisones  
c) bisonies  
d) bison



## Answers

1. b) children
2. a) women
3. c) feet
4. d) teeth
5. a) men
6. b) people
7. c) mice
8. d) geese
9. a) sheep
10. b) fish
11. c) deer
12. a) aircraft
13. b) oxen
14. c) species
15. a) salmon
16. d) series
17. b) moose
18. c) trout
19. d) lice
20. d) bison



# Explanations

**1. “children” (b)**

'Child' has an irregular plural: child → children. Do not add -s.

**2. “women” (a)**

'Woman' has an irregular plural: woman → women. The vowel sound changes.

**3. “feet” (c)**

'Foot' has an irregular plural: foot → feet. The vowel sound changes.

**4. “teeth” (d)**

'Tooth' has an irregular plural: tooth → teeth. The vowel sound changes.

**5. “men” (a)**

'Man' has an irregular plural: man → men. The vowel sound changes.

**6. “people” (b)**

'People' is the common plural of 'person' in everyday English. ('Peoples' with -s means different nations or ethnic groups, which is a different meaning.)

**7. “mice” (c)**

'Mouse' has an irregular plural: mouse → mice.

**8. “geese” (d)**

'Goose' has an irregular plural: goose → geese. The vowel sound changes.

**9. “sheep” (a)**

'Sheep' has the same form in singular and plural. One sheep, two sheep.

**10. “fish” (b)**

'Fish' usually has the same form in singular and plural. One fish, ten fish.

**11. “deer” (c)**

'Deer' has the same form in singular and plural. One deer, three deer.

**12. “aircraft” (a)**

'Aircraft' has the same form in singular and plural. One aircraft, several aircraft.

**13. “oxen” (b)**

'Ox' has an irregular plural: ox → oxen. This is one of the few English nouns with the -en plural.

**14. “species” (c)**

'Species' has the same form in singular and plural. One species, two species.

**15. “salmon” (a)**

'Salmon' usually has the same form in singular and plural. One salmon, many salmon.

**16. “series” (d)**

'Series' has the same form in singular and plural. One series, three series.

**17. “moose” (b)**

'Moose' has the same form in singular and plural. One moose, two moose.

**18. “trout” (c)**

'Trout' usually has the same form in singular and plural. One trout, five trout.

**19. “lice” (d)**

'Louse' has an irregular plural: louse → lice.

**20. “bison” (d)**

'Bison' has the same form in singular and plural. One bison, many bison.