



## Plural Nouns: Mixed Plural Nouns Review

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

- The \_\_\_ played with their toys all morning.  
a) childern  
b) children  
c) childres  
d) childs
- She picked some \_\_\_ from the bush.  
a) berries  
b) berrys  
c) berryes  
d) berryies
- She bought some \_\_\_ at the market.  
a) potatos  
b) potatoies  
c) potatoes  
d) potatoses
- The farmer counted his \_\_\_ before nightfall.  
a) sheepies  
b) sheepes  
c) sheeps  
d) sheep
- The \_\_\_ in the kitchen need sharpening.  
a) knives  
b) knifes  
c) knifs  
d) knivs
- He wrote three \_\_\_ during his academic career.  
a) thesises  
b) theses  
c) thesiss  
d) thesies
- Several \_\_\_ were damaged in the earthquake.  
a) churchs  
b) churchies  
c) churches  
d) churchen
- All the \_\_\_ in the house need replacing.  
a) shelves  
b) shelfes  
c) shelvs  
d) shelves
- Many \_\_\_ in the area are endangered.  
a) species  
b) specia  
c) specieses  
d) specis
- The \_\_\_ ran across the kitchen floor.  
a) mices  
b) mice  
c) mousies  
d) mouses
- She bought two \_\_\_ for the music school.  
a) pianoes  
b) pianoies  
c) pianos  
d) pianoses

12. Three \_\_\_ came to visit us at Christmas.  
a) familys  
b) familyes  
c) familis  
d) families
13. We need to discuss the \_\_\_ before making a decision.  
a) criteria  
b) criterion  
c) criterias  
d) criteries
14. He has two left \_\_\_!  
a) feets  
b) feet  
c) footies  
d) foots
15. I deleted some old \_\_\_ from my phone.  
a) photoes  
b) photoies  
c) photos  
d) photoses
16. Bad \_\_\_ travels fast.  
a) newses  
b) new  
c) newsies  
d) news
17. The old \_\_\_ were telling stories by the fire.  
a) women  
b) womanies  
c) womanes  
d) womens
18. Two \_\_\_ were caught on camera breaking in.  
a) thiefs  
b) thieves  
c) thievs  
d) thiefes
19. The \_\_\_ need to be washed before you wear them.  
a) jeanses  
b) jean  
c) jeans  
d) jeansies
20. Both \_\_\_ of the team played well.  
a) halfs  
b) halfes  
c) halvs  
d) halves



## Answers

1. b) children
2. a) berries
3. c) potatoes
4. d) sheep
5. a) knives
6. b) theses
7. c) churches
8. d) shelves
9. a) species
10. b) mice
11. c) pianos
12. d) families
13. a) criteria
14. b) feet
15. c) photos
16. d) news
17. a) women
18. b) thieves
19. c) jeans
20. d) halves



# Explanations

**1. “children” (b)**

'Child' has an irregular plural: child → children.

**2. “berries” (a)**

When a noun ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i and add -es. Berry → berries.

**3. “potatoes” (c)**

Some nouns ending in -o add -es to form the plural. Potato → potatoes.

**4. “sheep” (d)**

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

**5. “knives” (a)**

When a noun ends in -fe, change the f to v and add -s. Knife → knives.

**6. “theses” (b)**

'Thesis' comes from Greek. Its plural changes -is to -es: thesis → theses.

**7. “churches” (c)**

Nouns ending in -ch add -es to form the plural. Church → churches.

**8. “shelves” (d)**

When a noun ends in -f, change the f to v and add -es. Shelf → shelves.

**9. “species” (a)**

'Species' has the same form in singular and plural.

**10. “mice” (b)**

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

**11. “pianos” (c)**

Some nouns ending in -o just add -s. Piano → pianos.

**12. “families” (d)**

When a noun ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i and add -es. Family → families.

**13. “criteria” (a)**

'Criterion' comes from Greek. Its plural changes -on to -a: criterion → criteria.

**14. “feet” (b)**

'Foot' has an irregular plural: foot → feet.

**15. “photos” (c)**

Some nouns ending in -o just add -s. Photo → photos.

**16. “news” (d)**

'News' looks plural but is uncountable and takes a singular verb.

**17. “women” (a)**

'Woman' has an irregular plural: woman → women.

**18. “thieves” (b)**

When a noun ends in -f, change the f to v and add -es. Thief → thieves.

**19. “jeans” (c)**

'Jeans' is always plural. We say 'a pair of jeans' for one item.

**20. “halves” (d)**

When a noun ends in -f, change the f to v and add -es. Half → halves.