Irregular Plurals Worksheet

Words that change shape instead of adding -s.



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ASHA expects at least one irregular plural, like feet or men, in the 4-to-5-year band

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A small group of very old English words make their plurals by changing the word itself rather than adding an ending. Foot becomes feet. Tooth becomes teeth. Mouse becomes mice. A few words do not change at all - one sheep, two sheep. Because there is no rule to apply, each one has to be learned individually.

What to expect: Expect "foots," "tooths," and "mouses" well into the preschool years. Like "goed" for "went," these are overgeneralizations and a sign the child has learned the regular rule. The irregular forms get sorted out gradually between 4 and 7, with the most frequent ones (feet, teeth, children, men) arriving first.

Words That Change

Fill in the blank with the correct plural. These do not take -s.

1. One foot, two ____ .



2. One tooth, many ____ .



3. One man, three ____ .



4. One woman, two ____ .



5. One child, five ____ .



6. One mouse, four ____ .



7 One goose, two ____ .



8 One person, many ____ .



9 One cactus, two ____ .



Words That Change: Round 2

These words change their shape. Say the whole phrase.

10 One tooth, two ____ .



11 One mouse, three ____ .



12 One goose, two ____ .



13 One child, many ____ .



14 One man, two ____ .



15 One woman, three ____ .



16 One foot, two ____ .



17 One mouse, many ____ .



18 One child, two ____ .



19 One goose, five ____ .



Words That Change: Round 3

These words change their shape. Say the whole phrase.

20 The baby has one tooth. Soon she will have many ____ .



21 I see one mouse. Now I see three ____ .



22 One man is working. Two ____ are working.



23 One child is playing. All the ____ are playing.



24 One woman is singing. Two ____ are singing.



25 Put one foot in. Now put in both ____ .



26 One goose is on the pond. Six ____ are on the pond.



27 One mouse ran away. All the ____ ran away.



Words That Stay the Same

These words look exactly the same whether there is one or many.

28 One sheep, five ____ .



29 One fish, three ____ .



30 One deer, two ____ .



31 One moose, four ____ .



32 One shrimp, many ____ .



Words That Stay the Same: Round 2

These words look the same for one and for many.

33 One sheep, five ____ .



34 One deer, two ____ .



35 One fish, many ____ .



36 One moose, two ____ .



37 One sheep, twenty ____ .



38 One fish, three ____ .



Find the Mistake

Each sentence has one plural that is wrong. Say the sentence the correct way.

39 I have two foots.



40 The dentist counted my tooths.



41 Three mans are working outside.



42 The childs are on the playground.



43 I saw two mouses in the barn.



44 There are five sheeps in the field. 

45 The gooses flew over the pond. 

46 How many peoples came to the party? 

Find the Mistake: Round 2

Each sentence has one plural wrong. Say it the right way.

47 I have two tooths. 

48 There are three mouses in the box. 

49 I see four childs. 

50 Two mans are here. 

51 The farm has six sheeps. 

52 I caught two fishes. 

53 My two foots are cold. 

54 Three womans are talking. 

Find the Mistake: Round 3

Each sentence has one plural wrong. Say it the right way.

55 I saw five gooses at the pond. 

56 The deers ran away.



57 She lost two tooths.



58 All the childs are here.



59 Two mouses are in the box.



60 The mans are working.



61 I have three sheeps.



62 Both of my foots hurt.



Answer Key

Words That Change

1. feet
2. teeth
3. men
4. women
5. children
6. mice
7. geese
8. people
9. cacti

Words That Change: Round 2

10. teeth
11. mice
12. geese
13. children
14. men
15. women
16. feet
17. mice
18. children
19. geese

Words That Change: Round 3

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27. mice

Words That Stay the Same

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31. moose
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