

## Singular and Plural For class 8

Here you have Singular and Plural for class 8. Learn How to change Singular nouns into plural form in an easy way, You will definitely catch the main points and never make any mistakes while changing Singular nouns into plural form.

Let's Understand Carefully and after this you will get Exercises and Worksheets for practice, answers are also given but try to do yourself.

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### Countable Nouns Definition

The names of things, objects, animals, birds and people which can be counted are called countable nouns. *For Example Cats, Dogs, Animals, Boys, Cups, Tables, Chairs, Plants, etc.* Generally we add a, an, many, few, a few before countable nouns.

- Countable nouns can be Singular or Plural.

### Uncountable Noun Definition

The nouns which can not be counted are called uncountable nouns. for example, Oil, Smoke, Rice, Sugar, Fear, Beauty, Anger, Art, love, music, gas, power, furniture, luggage, butter, water etc.

- Uncountable nouns only have singular forms and they do not have any plurals.
- Uncountable Nouns can be paired with words expressing plural concepts like two cups of tea, two pairs of shoes, a spoonful of sugar.

- They are used to tell the quantity and not the number.

## Countable Nouns/Common nouns have Two Numbers:

1. Singular Number
2. Plural Number

### 1. Singular Number

Singular number is the form of nouns that denote one person, place, thing, animal, birds.

For Example:

*Chair* here denotes a single chair. (only one thing)

### 2. Plural Number

Plural Number is the form of nouns that refers to more than one person, place or thing.

For Example:

*Chairs here* denote more than one chair. (more than one chair)

## Regular Plurals and Irregular Plurals

In order to change singular nouns into plural form, we usually add 's'. The words which take 's' in plural form are called **regular plurals**.

For Examples:

- Book- **Books**
- Chair- **Chairs**
- Table- **Tables**
- Rat- **Rats**
- Rabbit- **Rabbits**
- Girl- **Girls**
- Look- **Looks**
- Ball- **Balls**

There are many nouns which don't follow the simple rule. They are called **irregular plurals**.

For Examples:

1. Radius – **Radii**
2. Amoeba- **Amoebae**
3. Child – **Children**
4. Stomach – **Stomachs**
5. Person – **People**
6. Analysis- **Analyses**
7. Locus – **Loci**
8. Deer- **Deer**
9. Criterion- **Criteria**
10. Aircraft – **Aircraft**

## Singular Nouns into Plural Form- Rules

**Rule 1.** Most nouns change into Plural form by adding the letter '**s**'.

For Examples: telephone – telephones

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
balloon	Balloons	sister	sisters
friend	Friends	bat	bats
gift	Gifts	rat	rats
book	books	hut	huts
tree	trees	bird	birds
girl	girls	bee	bees
table	tables	ship	ships
chair	chairs	animal	animals
pen	pens	ball	balls
Snake	Snakes	boat	boats

**Rule 2.** Noun that end in **-ch, x, s** and **ss** require an **'es'** to make their plurals.

For Examples:

- Branch – Branches
- Tax – Taxes
- Virus – Viruses
- Glass- Glasses

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
witch	witches	dress	resses
bus	buses	bench	benches
kiss	kisses	dish	dishes
box	boxes	fish	fishes
boss	bosses	match	matches
class	classes	peach	peaches
glass	glasses	clutch	clutches
bush	bushes	thrush	thrushes
church	churches	wish	wishes
fox	foxes	watch	watches
tax	taxes	coach	coaches
address	addresses	cross	crosses
batch	batches	virus	viruses
beach	beaches	buzz	buzzes

branch	branches	catch	catches
brush	brushes	complex	complexes
flash	flashes	dress	resses
gas	gases	eyelash	eyelashes
blitz	blitzes	inch	inches
itch	itches	lens	lenses
lunch	lunches	plus	pluses
fetch	fetches	prefix	prefixes
minus	minuses	prospectus	prospectuses
patch	patches	quiz	quizzes
six	sixes	slash	slashes
speech	speeches	Suffix	Suffixes
marsh	marshes	truss	trusses

**Rule 3. Nouns that end in a 'vowel + Y' take the letter 's'.**

For Examples: Kidney – Kidneys (*a,e,i,o,u are the vowels*)

**Singular**

**Plural**

**Singular**

**Plural**

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day	days	trolley	trolleys
key	keys	kidney	kidneys
play	plays	bay	bays
ray	rays	essay	essays
boy	boys	tray	trays
toy	toys	birthday	birthdays
monkey	monkeys	turkey	turkeys
donkey	donkeys	alley	alleys
valley	valleys	ploy	ploys
chimney	chimneys	guy	guys
joy	joys	decoy	decoys
alloy	alloys	journey	journeys
jersey	jerseys	delay	delays

**Rule 4.** Nouns that end in a **'consonant + y'** drop **'y'** and take **'ies'**.

For Examples: Country- Countries

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Baby	babies	fairy	fairies
party	parties	country	countries
family	families	army	armies
duty	duties	beauty	beauties
army	armies	berry	berries
curry	curries	story	stories
cherry	cherries	city	cities
sky	skies	library	libraries
theory	theories	lady	ladies
territory	territories	enemy	enemies
cry	cries	discovery	discoveries

**Rule 5. Some Noun that end in 'o' take 'es'.**

For Examples: Mosquito – Mosquitoes

Singular	Plural
hero	heroes



potato

potatoes

mango

mangoes

buffalo

buffaloes

tomato

tomatoes

mosquito

mosquitoes

torpedo

torpedoes

volcano

volcanoes

veto

vetoes

negro

negroes

echo

echoes

domino

dominoes

embargo

embargoes

zero

zeroes

**Rule 6.** Some nouns ending in 'o' breaks the above rule and take only 's'.

For Examples: Ratio- Ratios

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<b>Singular</b>	<b>Plural</b>
photo	photos
radio	radios
piano	pianos
studio	studios
zoo	zoos
boo	boos
kangaroo	kangaroos
kilo	kilos
tattoo	tattoos
shampoo	shampoos
scenario	scenarios
Commando	Commandos
stereo	stereos
ratio	ratios

**Rule 7. Some nouns ending in 'o' may take both 's' or 'es'.**

For Examples: Zero – Zeros/Zeroes

Singular	Plural
buffalo	buffalos/buffaloes
cargo	cargos/cargoes
volcano	volcanos/volcanoes
zero	zeros/zeros
tornado	tornados/tornadoes
banjo	banjos/banjos
Tuxedo	Tuxedos/Tuxedos
halo	halos/halos
flamingo	flamingos/flamingoes
mango	mangos/mangoes
fresco	frescos/frescos
motto	mottos/mottos

**Rule 8.** Noun that end in 'f' or 'fe' usually change the f sound to v and add 's' or 'es'.

For Examples: Loaf – Loaves

Singular	Plural
life	lives
leaf	leaves
knife	knives
wife	wives
hoof	hooves
housewife	housewives
half	halves
thief	thieves
shelf	shelves
loaf	loaves
self	selves

**Rule 9.** Some nouns are exceptions. They end in 'f' or 'fe' but they do not change the f sound to v. They take 's'.

For Examples: Chief – Chiefs

Singular	Plural
giraffe	giraffes
cafe	cafes
cliff	cliffs
roof	roofs
belief	beliefs
safe	safes
gulf	gulfs
chef	chefs
bluff	bluffs
handkerchief	handkerchiefs
chief	chiefs
reef	reefs
Proof	Poofs

**Rule 10.** There are several nouns that do not follow any rules and have irregular plural form.

For Examples: Genus- Genera

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
fish	fish	Index	indices
deer	deer	focus	foci
sheep	sheep	radius	radii
barracks	barracks	Genus	Genera
mouse	mice	swine	swine
man	men	larva	larvae
child	children	aircraft	aircraft
foot	feet	oasis	oases
goose	geese	alumni	alumnae
person	people	series	series
woman	women	analysis	analyses
ox	oxen	datum	data

**Rule 11.** Some foreign nouns ending in a add 'e' to make their plurals. But some of them adopt the 's' of the English form.

For Examples: Amoeba- Amoebae

Singular	Foreign Plural	English Plural
alga	algae	-
amoeba	amoebae	amoebas
antenna	antennae	antennas
Formula	Formulae	Formulas
larva	larvae	-
Alumna	alumnae	-
nebula	nebulae	nebulas

**Rule 12.** Nouns ending in **us** take 'a', 'i' or the 'es' of the English plural.

For Examples: Cactus – Cacti

Singular	Foreign Plural	English Plural
Syllabus	Syllabi	Syllabuses
Radius	Radii	radiuses

octopus	Octopi	octopuses
Corpus	Corpora	-
Cactus	Cacti	Cactuses
Fungus	Fungi	Funguses
focus	foci	focuses
Stimulus	stimuli	-
hippopotamus	hippopotami	hippopotamuses
bacillus	bacilli	-
alumnus	alumni	-
nucleus	nuclei	-
locus	loci	-

**Rule 13.** Nouns ending in **um** take **'a', 'i'** or the **'s'** of the English plural.

For Examples: **Bacterium** – **Bacteria**

Singular	Foreign Plural	English Plural
Bacterium	Bacteria	-



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Curriculum	curricula	curriculums
millennium	millennia	millenniums
medium	media	mediums
agendum	agenda	-
stratum	strata	-
forum	fora	forums
Memorandum	memoranda	memorandums
erratum	errata	-
datum	data	-
symposium	symposia	symposiums
addendum	addenda	-
pendulum	pendula	pendulums
ovum	ova	-
Spectrum	spectra	-
phylum	phyla	-

gymnasium	gymnasia	-
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quantum	quanta	-
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desideratum	desiderata	-
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Serum	sera	-
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rostrum	rostra	-
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crematorium	crematoria	-
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**Rule 14.** Nouns ending in **ex** or **ix** take '**ices**' or the '**es**' of the English plural.

For Examples: **Index** – **Indices**

Singular	Foreign Plural	English Plural
apex	apices	apexes
index	indices	indexes
appendix	appendices	appendixes
matrix	matrices	matrixes
fourplex	-	fourplexes
vertex	vertices	-

complex - complexes

circumflex - circumflexes

## **Rule 15. Nouns ending in **is** change it into **'es'****

For Examples: Analysis – Analyses

### **Singular**

### **Plural**

Analysis

Analyses

Emphasis

Emphases

Thesis

Theses

Axis

Axes

Oasis

Oases

Diagnosis

Diagnoses

crisis

crises

synthesis

syntheses

basis

bases

hypothesis

hypotheses

## **Rule 16. Nouns ending in **on** change it into **'a'**.**

For Examples: Criterion – Criteria

Singular	Plural
Criterion	Criteria
Phenomenon	Phenomena
Automation	Automata

**Rule 17.** To make the plural of a compound word add 's' to the **base word or head word**.

For Examples:

Singular	Plural
tennis shoe	tennis shoes
commander-in-chief	commanders-in-chief
passer-by	passers-by
mother-in-law	mothers-in-law
assistant headmaster	assistant headmasters
sergeant major	sergeants major
assistant secretary	assistant secretaries

knight templar

knights templar

court-martial

courts martial

attorney-at-law

attorneys-at-law

Brother in law

Brothers in law

Member of parliament

Members of parliament

Step-daughter

Step-daughters

Man lover

Man lovers

Bed-room

Bed-rooms

**Rule 18. Words without a base word make their plurals in an irregular way.**

For Examples:

**Singular**

**Plural**

higher-up

higher-ups

go-between

go-betweens

grown-up

grown-ups

good-for-nothing

good-for-nothings

## Nouns that are Plural in form But Singular in Meaning

Some Nouns that are **Plural in form but Singular in meaning** and take **Singular Verbs**.

- Innings
- Summons
- billiards
- molasses
- dizziness
- Linguistics
- News
- Ethics
- Physics
- Economics
- Politics
- Mathematics
- Athletics
- measles
- mumps
- calculus
- rickets

*These seem to be plural but they are actually Singular. On the other hand some nouns never take the 's' of the plural and are always singular.*

## Nouns that are Singular and never take 's' in plural form

These words are **uncountable nouns** and hence will take **singular verb**. these nouns **will not take Articles (a, an), 'many', 'number of', 'few' and 'plural form'**.

- Poetry
- Evidence
- Knowledge
- dust
- Traffic
- Bakery
- Luggage
- information
- Baggage
- Furniture
- Scenery
- Stationery
- Percentage

## Nouns that are Singular in form But Plural in Meaning

These are certain nouns that are **singular in form but Plural in meaning** and hence take **plural verb**.

- cattle
- Peasantry
- Children
- Police
- Cavalry
- Poultry
- People
- gentry
- Infantry

## Singular and Plural Top 18 Rules

Rules	Examples

1. The plural form of most nouns is made simply by adding the letter 's'.

Pen- Pens, Chair- Chairs, Book- Books, Snake- Snakes, Sister- Sisters, Bat- Bats

2. Noun that end in -ch, x, s and ss require an 'es' to make their plurals.

Box - Boxes, Kiss - Kisses, Bus - Buses, Witch - Witches

3. Nouns that end in a 'vowel + Y' take the letter 's'.

Boy - Boys , Key- keys, Toy - toys , Way - ways

4. Nouns that end in a 'consonant + y' drop 'y' and take 'ies'.

Baby - Babies , Cherry - Cherries , Lorry - Lorries , Fairy - Fairies

5. Some Noun that end in 'o' take 'es'.

Potato- Potatoes , Tomato - Tomatoes , Torpedo - Torpedoes , Hero - Heroes

6. Some nouns ending in 'o' break the above rule and take only 's'.

Kangaroo -Kangaroos, Piano - Pianos, Zoo - Zoos, Boo - Boos

7. Some nouns ending in 'o' may take both 's' or 'es'.

Tornado - Tornados/Tornedos, Cargo-Cargo/Cargoes, Zero-Zeros/Zeroes,

Volcano-Volcanos/Volcanoes

8. Noun that end in 'f' or 'fe' usually change the f sound to v and add 's ' or 'es'.

Wife- Wives, Knife - Knives , Leaf - Leaves , Life - Lives



9. Some nouns are exceptions. They end in 'f' or 'fe' but they do not change the f sound to v, They take 's'.  
Cafe - Cafes ,Cliff - Cliffs , Roof - Roofs , Safe - Safes

10. There are several nouns that do not follow any rules and have irregular plural form.  
Sheep - Sheep , Foot - Foot , Child - Children , Person - People

11. Some foreign nouns ending in a add 'e' to make their plurals. But some of them adopt the 's' of the English form.  
alga - algae (Foreign plural), amoeba - amoebae (Foreign plural) , amoebas (English Plural)

12. Nouns ending in us take 'a', 'i' or the 'es' of the English plural.  
Syllabus - Syllabi (Foreign plural), Syllabuses (English Plural), Radius - Radii (Foreign plural),

13. Nouns ending in um take 'a', 'i' or the 's' of the English plural.  
Medium- Media (Foreign plural), Bacterium- Bacteria (Foreign plural), Datum- Data (Foreign plural)

14. Nouns ending in ex or ix take 'ices' or the 'es' of the English plural.  
Apex- Apices, Apexes, index - indices, indexes, Appendix - Appendices, Appendixes

15. Nouns ending in is change it into 'es'  
Analysis - Analyses, Emphasis - Emphases, Thesis -Theses, Axis - Axes

16. Nouns ending in on change it into 'a'.	Criterion - Criteria ,Phenomenon - Phenomena, Automation - Automata
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17. To make the plural of a compound word add 's' to the base word or head word.	tennis shoe - tennis shoes, commander-in-chief - commanders-in-chief, passer-by - passers-by
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18. Words without a base word make their plurals in an irregular way.	higher-up - higher-ups, go-between- go-betweens, grown-up - grown-ups
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19. Some Nouns that are always Singular and have 's' in the end.	News, Gymnastics, Economics, Politics, Mathematics
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20. Some other nouns that are always singular and never take 's' in the plural form.	Luggage, information, Baggage , Furniture
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## Singular and Plural for class 8 Worksheet

If you are searching for a Singular and Plural worksheet for class 8 you are at the right place, Try these worksheets and test yourself. If you want to do more Worksheets click on the link given below. You will get a lot of Exercises to do with their solutions/ Answers.

### Exercise 1- Fill in the blank

**Write the correct plural of the word given in the bracket for each sentence.**

1. No candidate fulfils all the (Criterion) \_\_\_\_\_ for this position.

2. (Nucleus) \_\_\_\_\_ are the brain of the cells.
3. (Radius) \_\_\_\_\_ of these circles are 2 cm.
4. Ferns, mosses and (Fungus) \_\_\_\_\_ produce spores.
5. Playing the (Index) \_\_\_\_\_ via spread betting.
6. (Amoeba) \_\_\_\_\_ found in ponds.
7. The (brother-in-law) \_\_\_\_\_ have separately denied any wrongdoing.
8. I had an accident, My (foot) \_\_\_\_\_ hurt.
9. There are lots of (bacterium) \_\_\_\_\_ present in our surroundings.
10. Great (agendum) \_\_\_\_\_ was made by the politicians.

## Answers

1. Criteria
2. Nuclei
3. Radii
4. Fungi
5. Indices
6. Amoebae
7. Brother in Law
8. Feet
9. bacteria
10. Agenda

## Exercise 2 – Write down in Plural form

Write down the plural form of each of the following noun.

1. Thesis-
2. Ray –
3. Synthesis-
4. Sandwich-

5. Nurse-
6. Phenomenon-
7. Octopus-
8. Analysis-
9. Matrix-
10. Cry-

## Answers

1. theses
2. Rays
3. Syntheses
4. sandwiches
5. Nurses
6. Phenomena
7. Octopi
8. Analyses
9. Matrices
10. cries

## Exercise 3- Write down in Singular form

**Write down the correct singular form of each of the following nouns.**

1. phenomena-
2. fungi-
3. indexes-
4. matrices-
5. oases-
6. larvae-
7. Griefs-
8. lorries-
9. torpedoes-

10. Knives-

## Answers

1. Phenomenon
2. Fungus
3. Index
4. Matrix
5. Oasis
6. Larva
7. Grief
8. Lorry
9. torpedo
10. Knife

## Exercise 4

**Write Singular for Singular nouns and Plural for Plurals**

1. Automata
2. Troops
3. Alms
4. Cattle
5. Crises
6. Oasis
7. Ova
8. News
9. Economics
10. Police
11. Axes
12. Vertex

## Answers

1. Plural
2. Singular
3. Plural in form
4. Singular (Plural in Meaning)
5. Plural
6. Singular
7. Plural
8. Singular
9. Singular
10. Plural
11. Plural
12. Singular

## Exercise 5- Spotting the Error

Spot the Error and write down the correct words.

1. No one available at the station, She carried all his luggages herself.
2. Cattles were grazing in the field.
3. There are many fishes in the pond.
4. Alms are given to the poors.
5. All his sister in laws are co-operative.
6. She needed money, So she sold all her furnitures.
7. He has many sheeps and cows in his field.
8. She wear a blue trouser.
9. She will give you a good news.
10. Where are my scissor?

## Answers

1. luggages- luggage
2. Cattles- Cattle
3. fishes- fish
4. poors- poor
5. sister in laws- sisters-in-law
6. furnitures- furniture
7. sheeps- Sheep
8. trouser- trousers
9. a good news- good news
10. scissor- scissors

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