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Singular and Plural

Words ending in 'f' 'fe' and 'ff'

1. Most words drop the "f" or "fe", and add "ves" in the plural. (leaf - leaves)
2. A few words just add "s" to form the plural. (roof - roofs)
3. Four words that can be spelt either "fs" or "ves" (turfs or turves, hoofs or hooves, scarfs or scarves, wharfs or wharves)

- **Words that stay the same:**

Sometimes the plural stays the same as the singular. (sheep-sheep, deer-deer, aircraft-aircraft)



- **Complete change:**

Some words change their spelling completely in the plural (mouse-mice, tooth-teeth, woman-women)

- **Words with hyphens:**

Hyphenated nouns add an "s" to the main noun part. (son-in-law - sons-in-law)
Where the nouns are formed from verbs, add an "s" on the end. (lay-by - lay-bys)

- **Latin words:**

Some words, which have kept their Latin form, take Latin plural endings.

Words ending in "us" change to "i" in the plural.
Words ending in "a" change to "ae" in the plural.
Words ending in "um" change to "a" in the plural.
Words ending in "is" change to "es" in the plural.

terminus -termini formula -formulae medium - media axis - axes

Your Task: *(do not use any examples from this sheet)*

1. Write three words that end with f and change these into the plural form.
2. Write one or more words that stay the same in singular and plural.
3. Write one or more words that have a complete change in the singular and plural form.
4. Write at least one word that has a hyphen and change the singular to the plural form.
5. Write at least one example of a latin word and change the singular form to the plural form.