

Singular and Plural continued:

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
