

## Irregular Plural Nouns

Some plural forms of nouns do not end in **-s** or **-es**. To form these **irregular plurals**, you may have to change the spelling of the word. Study the irregular plural nouns underlined below.

calf/ <u>calves</u>	leaf/ <u>leaves</u>	ox/ <u>oxen</u>	tooth/ <u>teeth</u>
child/ <u>children</u>	life/ <u>lives</u>	person/ <u>people</u>	wife/ <u>wives</u>
foot/ <u>feet</u>	loaf/ <u>loaves</u>	scarf/ <u>scarves</u>	wolf/ <u>wolves</u>
goose/ <u>geese</u>	man/ <u>men</u>	self/ <u>selves</u>	woman/ <u>women</u>
hoof/ <u>hooves</u>	mouse/ <u>mice</u>	shelf/ <u>shelves</u>	

Some nouns have the same form for both singular and plural.

deer/ <u>deer</u>	moose/ <u>moose</u>	sheep/ <u>sheep</u>	trout/ <u>trout</u>
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**A** Write the irregular plural noun in each sentence.

1. The children walked down to the creek.
2. As the girls walked, three mice ran across their path.
3. There were no other people around.
4. Then all the animals ran into the leaves.
5. Two moose walked across the path a minute later.
6. Later, Aliza baked three loaves of bread.
7. Sally dusted the shelves.
8. Pat herded the cows and sheep home.

## UNIT 2 GRAMMAR

**B** A plural noun is underlined in each sentence. Write **C** if the plural noun is correct. If it is not correct, write the correct form.

1. Claire and Ana are happy young woman.
2. Ana likes to watch the trout in the pond.
3. Claire tells Ana a joke about wolfs.
4. Claire stamps her feet as she laughs.
5. Everyone likes these person.

**C** Complete each sentence with the plural form of a noun in the box. Write the sentences.

wolf	leaf	life	goose
foot	moose	child	

**6.** Ever since they were \_\_\_\_\_, Claire and Ana have lived in the country. **7.** They spend their \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded by animals. **8.** Claire loves to watch gray \_\_\_\_\_ run. **9.** Ana likes \_\_\_\_\_ with large antlers. **10.** In the forest, the girls take off their shoes and dip their \_\_\_\_\_ into the pond. **11.** They collect \_\_\_\_\_ from the trees. **12.** Both girls watch the \_\_\_\_\_ fly in the sky.



### Review and Assess

A plural noun is underlined in each sentence. Write **C** if the plural noun is correct. If it is not correct, write the correct form.

1. Dina keeps her mices in a cage.
2. She loves every animal, even moose!
3. She wears scarfs when it is cold outside.
4. Dina has to go outside to clean the cow's hoofs.
5. She milks her three sheep each morning.

Write the letter of the word that correctly completes each sentence.

6. Doris fed the \_\_\_\_\_ warm milk.  
**A** deers      **C** mooses  
**B** calfs      **D** calves
7. She saw two \_\_\_\_\_ run across the path.  
**A** deer      **C** deers  
**B** child      **D** childs
8. Two big \_\_\_\_\_ snorted in the barn.  
**A** ox      **C** oxen  
**B** goose      **D** feet
9. The three \_\_\_\_\_ at the stables help her clean stalls.  
**A** child      **C** woman  
**B** men      **D** wife
10. Doris feeds the horses \_\_\_\_\_ of bread.  
**A** loaves      **C** leaf  
**B** lifes      **D** loaf

