

# Singular and plural nouns exercises

**Exercise 1. Make the plural forms of the following nouns.** \_\_\_\_\_

box		woman		crisis	
sky		kid		phenomenon	
toy		child		hero	
tomato		sheep		bacterium	
piano		leaf		life	
knife		goose		oasis	
roof		ox		medium	
datum		trout		dish	

**Exercise 2. Complete the sentences with nouns in brackets.** \_\_\_\_\_

First, cut all \_\_\_\_\_ into two \_\_\_\_\_. (potato, half)

We saw a lot of historic \_\_\_\_\_ at the Military Aviation Museum. (aircraft)

Many poisonous \_\_\_\_\_ have names such as Death Cap or Destroying Angel. (fungus)

One of the most famous \_\_\_\_\_ in the world is in San Diego. (zoo)

Several new \_\_\_\_\_ for global warming have been suggested recently. (hypothesis)

There are numerous \_\_\_\_\_ in the countryside in European \_\_\_\_\_.  
(crucifix, country)

Jim, don't forget to brush your \_\_\_\_\_ before you go to bed. (tooth)

You should not eat \_\_\_\_\_ before dinner. (candy)

Our \_\_\_\_\_ are influenced by other people much more than we admit. (life)

Original \_\_\_\_\_ represent what \_\_\_\_\_ are all about. (logo, business)

**Exercise 3. Rewrite the sentences. Use singular forms.** \_\_\_\_\_

Hippopotami spend up to 16 hours a day in water to keep their massive bodies cool.

The \_\_\_\_\_ spends up to 16 hours a day in water to keep its massive \_\_\_\_\_ cool.

I don't think that two loaves of bread will be enough.

I don't think that one \_\_\_\_\_ of bread will be enough.

Two extraterrestrial spacecraft were spotted in the sky yesterday night.

One extraterrestrial spacecraft \_\_\_\_\_ spotted in the sky yesterday night.

The first automatic torpedoes were produced in 1868 by Robert Whitehead, a British engineer.

The first automatic \_\_\_\_\_ was produced in 1868 by Robert Whitehead, a British engineer.

Migrating Canada geese are able to fly astonishing 1,500 miles in just 24 hours.

The migrating Canada \_\_\_\_\_ is able to fly astonishing 1,500 miles in just 24 hours.

Mice live for about one year in the outdoors and up to two or three years in your house.

An average \_\_\_\_\_ lives for about 1 year in the outdoors and up to 3 years in your house.

# Answer key

## Exercise 1

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box	boxes	woman	women	crisis	crises
sky	skies	kid	kids	phenomenon	phenomena
toy	toys	child	children	hero	heroes
tomato	tomatoes	sheep	sheep	bacterium	bacteria
piano	pianos	leaf	leaves	life	lives
knife	knives	goose	geese	oasis	oases
roof	roofs	ox	oxen	medium	media
datum	data	trout	trout	dish	dishes

## Exercise 2

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First, cut all **potatoes** into two **halves**.

We saw a lot of historic **aircraft** at the Military Aviation Museum.

Many poisonous **fungi** have names such as Death Cap or Destroying Angel.

One of the most famous **zoos** in the world is in San Diego.

Several new **hypotheses** for global warming have been suggested recently.

There are numerous **crucifixes** in the countryside in European **countries**.

Jim, don't forget to brush your **teeth** before you go to bed.

You should not eat **candies** before dinner.

Our **lives** are influenced by other people much more than we admit.

Original **logos** represent what **businesses** are all about.

## Exercise 3

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The **hippopotamus** spends up to 16 hours a day in water to keep its massive **body** cool.

I don't think that one **loaf** of bread will be enough.

One extraterrestrial spacecraft **was** spotted in the sky yesterday night.

The first automatic **torpedo** was produced in 1868 by Robert Whitehead, a British engineer.

The migrating Canada **goose** is able to fly astonishing 1,500 miles in just 24 hours.

An average **mouse** lives for about 1 year in the outdoors and up to 3 years in your house.

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# Singular only vs plural only nouns

Exercise 4. Choose the correct options and complete the sentences. \_\_\_\_\_

Measles typically ..... with a temperature, a runny nose and a sore throat.

- begins
  - begin
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Binoculars ..... invented by the Austrian optician and inventor in 1823.

- was
  - were
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Athletics ..... my favourite sport. That's why I love watching the Olympic games.

- is
  - are
- 

The outskirts of our town ..... really pretty.

- is
  - are
- 

Where ..... my pyjamas? I have no idea.

- is
  - are
- 

We have to do ..... every day.

- much homework
  - a lot of homeworks
- 

I can't find my headphones. Where did you put ..... ?

- it
  - them
- 

The charity is going to raise ..... to support immigrants.

- fund
  - funds
- 

There ..... been a lot of news about natural disasters on TV recently.

- has
  - have
- 

IBM reported earnings ..... much higher than expected.

- was
  - were
- 

Excuse me. How much ..... tights?

- is this
  - are these
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We need ..... before we come to a decision.

- much more information
  - many more informations
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# Answer key

## Exercise 4

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Measles typically begins with a temperature, a runny nose and a sore throat.

Binoculars were invented by the Austrian optician and inventor in 1823.

Athletics is my favourite sport. That's why I love watching the Olympic games.

The outskirts of our town are really pretty.

Where are my pyjamas? I have no idea.

We have to do much homework every day.

I can't find my headphones. Where did you put them?

The charity is going to raise funds to support immigrants.

There has been a lot of news about natural disasters on TV recently.

IBM reported earnings were much higher than expected.

Excuse me. How much are these tights?

We need much more information before we come to a decision.

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# Singular and plural nouns with different meaning

Exercise 5. Complete each sentence with a correct word. \_\_\_\_\_

*arm, arms*

I hurt my right ..... when I was playing basketball.

A Farewell to ..... is a novel by Ernest Hemingway, set in Italy during World War I.

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*content, contents*

I'm sure you'll find it if you look at the table of .....

She has millions of followers because everyone loves her .....

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*wood, woods*

You should collect some ..... to make the fire.

When I want to calm down, I love to walk in the .....

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*force, forces*

The president of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the armed .....

The ..... of the water badly damaged roads and bridges in large areas.

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*good, goods*

It's no ..... crying over spilt milk.

Supermarkets sell a wide range of consumer .....

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*colour, colours*

Sarah, what ..... are your boyfriend's eyes?

You can see national ..... on the flagpoles at the United Nations headquarters.

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*glass, glasses*

I have to wear ..... when I want to work on my computer.

The room was full of bright light because its ceiling was made of .....

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# Answer key

## Exercise 5

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I hurt my right arm when I was playing basketball.

A Farewell to Arms is a novel by Ernest Hemingway, set in Italy during World War I.

I'm sure you'll find it if you look at the table of contents.

She has millions of followers because everyone loves her content.

You should collect some wood to make the fire.

When I want to calm down, I love to walk in the woods.

The president of the United States is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

The force of the water badly damaged roads and bridges in large areas.

It's no good crying over spilt milk.

Supermarkets sell a wide range of consumer goods.

Sarah, what colour are your boyfriend's eyes?

You can see national colours on the flagpoles at the United Nations headquarters.

I have to wear glasses when I want to work on my computer.

The room was full of bright light because its ceiling was made of glass.

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