

Making Plurals

2nd Grade

Most words just take s.

**Most words just take s. Words that hiss take es.
Words ending in a consonant + y swap the y for ies.**

s · es · ies

cat → cats

add s

The ordinary case — most words.

box → boxes

add es

After s, x, z, ch, sh — you need the extra sound.

baby → babies

y becomes ies

Only after a consonant. Day stays days.

leaf → leaves

f becomes ves

Also knife → knives, half → halves.

THE COMMON MISTAKE

✗ **boxs**

✓ **boxes**

Try saying 'boxs' — you cannot. The es exists because the mouth needs it.

A few change completely: child → children, mouse → mice, foot → feet.