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Grammar Reference

Singular and Plural Nouns

Rule 1: Add "S" to a singular noun to make it plural.

<u>singular</u>	<u>plural</u>
a cat	two cats <u>s</u>
a book	three books <u>s</u>
a dog	ten dogs <u>s</u>

Rule 2: Add "es" to singular nouns ending with "ch, sh, x, o, ss".

a watch <u>ch</u>	3 watches <u>es</u>
a brush <u>sh</u>	2 brushes <u>es</u>
one box <u>x</u>	three boxes <u>es</u>
one class <u>ss</u>	six classes <u>es</u>
a tomato <u>o</u>	two tomato <u>es</u>

Rule 3: Nouns that don't follow Rule 1 or 2 are irregular nouns .

a child	two child <u>ren</u>
a man	four m <u>en</u>
a woman	three wom <u>en</u>
a person	seven p <u>eo</u> ple

There is/ There are: to say that something exists or happens

There is + singular nouns.

Example: There is a dog in the house.

There are + plural nouns.

Example: There are three cats in the house.

There isn't/ There aren't: to say that something doesn't exist or happen

Example: There isn't any water in the cup.

Example: There aren't any boys in the class.

Is there/ Are there: to ask whether or not something exists or happens

Example:

Is there any water in the cup? Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.

Example:

Are there any students in the class? Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.