



# **Rule 4: plural: 's' and 'es'**

**(also includes 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular of verbs)**



# 1) Rule 4: Explanation

To make most words plural we just add 's'.

toys  trucks  stamps  pockets

Some words are too hard to say like this!

foxs  pushs  witchs  buss

When we say these words, you can hear an 'is' sound at the end. It is spelt 'es'.

foxes pushes witches buses



## 2) Rule 4: Examples

Read the words below. Can you hear the 'is' sound at the end of some of the words?

Remember this is spelt 'es'!

passes

roads

cakes

bowls

branches

windows

flashes

classrooms

boxes

**THINK**: Which word above ends in 'es' because the ROOT WORD already ended in an 'e'?



### 3) Rule 4: Practice

Decide whether to add 's' or 'es' to the end of these words.

#### Starter

cat\_\_

fox\_\_

plant\_\_

tap\_\_

bush\_\_

#### Challenge 1

farmer\_\_

patch\_\_

tree\_\_

glass\_\_

friend\_\_

#### Challenge 2

stretch\_\_

pancake\_\_

elephant\_\_

mountain\_\_

squash\_\_

**THINK:** Which ending is more common?



## 4) Rule 4: Further examples

### Words where you add 's'

books	spoons
coats	dragons
toys	schools
desks	cupboards
flowers	puddles
bears	lakes
gardens	handles
clouds	spades
walls	bones
pockets	tables
trucks	planes
jumpers	bottles

### Words where you add 'es'

classes	bunches
losses	crunches
passes	wishes
glasses	pushes
dresses	dishes
matches	crashes
branches	bushes
witches	foxes
churches	boxes
stitches	fixes
sketches	taxes
lunches	mixes

### Exceptions

You add 'es' to some words ending in 'o'. E.g. tomatoes, volcanoes

For others you just add 's'. E.g. kilos, photos, radios

Words that end in one 'f' often change to 'ves'.

E.g. leaf > leaves  
wife > wives  
loaf > loaves

(Exceptions include: roofs, chiefs, chefs)

**NOTE:** Irregular plurals (sheep, people etc.) should be learnt separately.