

train(s) bus(es) (singular and plural)

A

The plural of a noun is usually -s:

<i>singular</i> (= one)	→	<i>plural</i> (= two or more)
a flower	→	some flowers
a train	→	two trains
one week	→	a few weeks
a nice place	→	some nice places
this student	→	these students



a flower

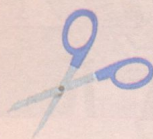
some **flowers**

Spelling (see Appendix 5):

-s / -sh / -ch / -x	→	-es	bus → buses	dish → dishes	
			church → churches	box → boxes	
	also		potato → potatoes	tomato → tomatoes	
-y	→	-ies	baby → babies	dictionary → dictionaries	party → parties
but -ay / -ey / -oy	→	-ys	day → days	monkey → monkeys	boy → boys
-f / -fe	→	-ves	shelf → shelves	knife → knives	wife → wives

B

These things are plural in English:



scissors



glasses



pants



jeans



shorts



tights



pajamas

- ☐ Do you wear **glasses**?
- ☐ Where **are** the **scissors**? I need **them**.

You can also say **a pair of scissors** / **a pair of pants** / **a pair of pajamas**, etc. :

- ☐ I need **a new pair of jeans**. or I need **some new jeans**. (*not* a new jeans)

C

Some plurals do *not* end in -s:

this man → these men	one foot → two feet	that sheep → those sheep
a woman → some women	a tooth → all my teeth	a fish → a lot of fish
a child → many children	a mouse → some mice	

also a **person** → **two people** / **some people** / **a lot of people**, etc. :

- ☐ **She's** a nice **person**.
- but ☐ **They** are nice **people**. (*not* nice persons)

D

People is plural (= they), so we say **people are** / **people have**, etc. :

- ☐ **A lot of people speak** English. (*not* speaks)
- ☐ I like **the people** here. **They are** very friendly.

Police is plural:

- ☐ **The police want** to talk to anybody who saw the accident. (*not* The police wants)

64.1 Write the plural.

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| 1 flower <u>flowers</u> | 5 umbrella | 9 family |
| 2 boat | 6 address | 10 foot |
| 3 woman | 7 knife | 11 holiday |
| 4 city | 8 sandwich | 12 potato |

64.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



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| 1 There are a lot of <u>sheep</u> in the field. | 4 Lucy has two |
| 2 Gary is brushing his | 5 There are a lot of in the river. |
| 3 There are three at the bus stop. | 6 The are falling from the tree. |

64.3 Are these sentences OK? Change the sentences where necessary.

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| 1 I'm going to buy some flowers. | OK |
| 2 I need <u>a new jeans</u> . | <u>I need a new pair of jeans.</u> or |
| | <u>I need some new jeans.</u> |
| 3 It's a lovely park with a lot of beautiful tree. | ..... |
| 4 There was a woman in the car with two mens. | ..... |
| 5 Sheep eat grass. | ..... |
| 6 David is married and has three childs. | ..... |
| 7 Most of my friend are student. | ..... |
| 8 He put on his pajama and went to bed. | ..... |
| 9 We went fishing, but we didn't catch many fish. | ..... |
| 10 Do you know many persons in this town? | ..... |
| 11 I like your pants. Where did you get it? | ..... |
| 12 Montreal is usually full of tourist. | ..... |
| 13 I don't like mice. I'm scared of them. | ..... |
| 14 This scissor isn't very sharp. | ..... |

64.4 Which is right? Complete the sentences.

- It's a nice place. Many people go there on vacation.
- Some people always late.
- The new city hall is not a beautiful building. Most people like it.
- A lot of people TV every day.
- Three people injured in the accident.
- How many people in that house?
- the police know the cause of the explosion?
- The police looking for the stolen car.
- I need my glasses, but I can't find
- I'm going to buy new jeans today.

go or goes?
is or are?

don't or doesn't?
watch or watches?
was or were?
live or lives?
Do or Does?
is or are?
it or them?
a or some?