

Activity 1

❖ Complete the sentences with the correct plural nouns.

1. The (Girl) are happy because they have got new (Toy).
2. These are your (Key).
3. All the (Child) ran to the park when the rain was over.
4. My brother is five (Foot) tall.
5. Keep the story books on the second and third (Shelf).
6. We took beautiful (Photo) of flowers.
7. I saw five (Calf) on the road.
8. You can buy two (Sandwich) for hundred rupees.

There are certain foreign plurals in English.

- To make a word ending in –us plural, we change –us to –i.
 - Syllabus – syllabi
 - Fungus – fungi
- Nouns with an –is ending can be made plural by changing –is to –es.
 - Axis – axes
 - Thesis – theses
- If a singular noun ends with “-on/-um”, generally ‘-a’ is added in forming plurals.
 - Criterion – criteria
 - Medium – media
 - Curriculum – curricula
- Nouns ending in –ix or –ex are changed to –ices. But sometimes –ies also acceptable.
 - Index – indices/indexes
 - Appendix – appendices/appendixes
- Nouns ending with –a we have to change –a into –ae.
 - formula – formulae

Activity 2

❖ Write the plural forms of the following irregular nouns.

Singular

plural

1. fungus
2. nucleus
3. analysis
4. appendix
5. index
6. criteria
7. child
8. formula
9. datum
10. mouse
11. deer
12. person
13. man
14. axis
15. bacterium