

**CLASS: 4**

**SUBJECT: GRAMMAR**

**LESSON: 6**

**THE NOUN: NUMBER**

**Number:** Numbers are two types.

1. Singular number : The nouns stand for only one person, animal and thing are called singular number.

Example : boy, cow, pen

2. Plural number : The nouns stand for more than one person, animal and thing are called plural number.

Example : boys, cows, pens

**Rules to form plurals :**

Rule1: Most nouns form their plurals by adding -s in the end.

bat - bats

chair - chairs

cap - caps

hat - hats

Rule 2 : Nouns that end in -ch, -sh, -s, -ss or x form their plurals by adding -es in the end.

bench - benches

dish - dishes

bus - buses

class - classes

box - boxes

Rule 3 : Nouns that end in consonant + y form their plurals by changing  
-y into – ies .

city - cities

cherry - cherries

Rule 4 : Nouns that end in vowel + y form their plurals by adding  
-s to the singular.

boy - boys

monkey - monkeys

day - days

Rule 5 : Nouns that end in – f or – fe form their plurals by changing  
- f or – fe into - ves.

leaf - leaves

knife - knives

Rule 6 : Some nouns that end in - f or – fe form their plurals by adding only  
- s in the end.

roof - roofs

chief - chiefs

Rule 7 : Some nouns that end in – o form their plurals by adding - s.

zero - zeros

photo - photos

Rule 8 : Some nouns that end in – o form their plurals by adding – es.

potato - potatoes

mango - mangoes

Rule 9 : Some nouns form their plurals by changing internal vowels.

man - men

tooth - teeth

mouse - mice

Rule 10 : Some nouns forms their plurals by adding –en or ren.

ox - oxen

child - children

Rule 11: Some nouns have the same form of singular and plural

deer - deer

sheep - sheep

fish - fish

Aircraft - aircraft

Rule 12 : Some nouns have only plural forms.

goggles

binoculars

sunglasses

Rule 13 : We use ‘ a pair of’ before plural nouns make them singular.

a pair of goggles

a pair of binoculars

a pair of sunglasses

## Exercises

A. Write the plural forms of the following nouns: page no. 34

- |                       |                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. balloon – balloons | 11. kangaroo - kangaroos  |
| 2. egg – eggs         | 12. zero - zeros          |
| 3. beach – beaches    | 13. buffalo - buffaloes   |
| 4. atlas – atlases    | 14. flamingo - flamingoes |
| 5. class – classes    | 15. foot - feet           |
| 6. dish – dishes      | 16. louse - lice          |
| 7. box – boxes        | 17. man - men             |
| 8. army – armies      | 18. child - children      |
| 9. trophy – trophies  | 19. ox - oxen             |
| 10. monkey – monkeys  | 20. gulf – gulfs          |

B. Fill in the blanks by using the correct word: page no: 35

1. Children were buying balloons. (child / children)
2. Leaves fall from the trees in autumn. (leaf/leaves)
3. There are mice in my room. (mouse/mice)
4. She gave him three large slices of bread. (slice/slices)
5. Sweets are bad for your teeth. (tooth/teeth)
6. She asked for a loaf of white bread. ( loaf/loaves)
7. The lame man is walking with a crutch. (man/men)
8. The roof is above the floor. (roof/roofs)
9. These mangoes are ripe. (mango/mangoes)
10. Her hobbies include swimming and gardening. ( hobby/hobbies)

C. Write the singular of the following words: page no.35

- |                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1. oxen – ox        | 11. spies - spy        |
| 2. bison – bison    | 12. wives – wife       |
| 3. logos – logo     | 13. jerseys - jersey   |
| 4. ghettos – ghetto | 14. rays - ray         |
| 5. cargoes – cargo  | 15. storeys - storey   |
| 6. leaves – leaf    | 16. donkeys - donkey   |
| 7. lives – life     | 17. giraffes - giraffe |

- |                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 8. echoes – echo   | 18. mosquitoes - mosquito |
| 9. halos – halo    | 19. loaves - loaf         |
| 10. wharfs – wharf | 20. proofs – proof        |

D. State whether the underlined nouns are singular or plural: page no.35

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| 1. <u>Cows</u> give us milk.                   | Plural   |
| 2. The <u>their</u> ran away.                  | Singular |
| 3. <u>Monkeys</u> have long tails.             | Plural   |
| 4. The colour of these <u>leaves</u> is green. | Plural   |
| 5. What kind of <u>fruit</u> is the apple?     | Singular |
| 6. Amit took away my <u>umbrella</u> .         | Singular |
| 7. I played the <u>piano</u> .                 | Singular |
| 8. You may take these <u>books</u> home.       | Plural   |
| 9. Let's go to the <u>beach</u> .              | Singular |
| 10. Children like colourful <u>balloons</u> .  | Plural   |

E. Write the plural of the following words: page no.36

1. man – men
2. mouse – mice
3. tray – trays
4. loaf – loaves
5. bamboo – bamboos
6. aircraft – aircraft
7. umbrella – umbrellas
8. flamingo – flamingoes
9. bookshelf – bookshelves
10. dictionary – dictionaries