

Exercise 17 (Grammar and Usage)

Singular and Plural Nouns: Part 3

A few nouns change their spelling when they become plural.

EXAMPLE: *goose – geese man – men child – children*

Some nouns have the same form in the singular and the plural. Most of these are the names of animals.

EXAMPLE: *deer – deer sheep – sheep aircraft – aircraft*

Write the plurals of each of these nouns. Then use your dictionary to see whether you are correct. Some of these words follow the rules you learned in Exercises 11 and 12.

Set 1

1. candy candies
2. tooth teeth
3. tomato tomatoes
4. box boxes
5. moose moose
6. piano pianos
7. life lives
8. mystery mysteries
9. kiss kisses
10. monkey monkeys
11. blanket blankets
12. foot feet
13. chief chiefs
14. echo echoes
15. waltz waltzes
16. family families
17. fireman firemen
18. scratch scratches

Set 2

1. solo solos
2. enemy enemies
3. shelf shelves
4. turkey turkeys
5. mouse mice
6. radish radishes
7. country countries
8. hero heroes
9. reef reefs
10. chimney chimneys
11. volcano volcanos/volcanoes
12. fox foxes
13. trout trout
14. leaf leaves
15. march marches
16. butterfly butterflies
17. guess guesses
18. potato potatoes