

Plural Nouns

1. Most nouns form their plurals by simply adding an **s**.

Singular



boat

+ s

=

Plural



boats

lawyer

+ s

=

lawyers

germ

+ s

=

germs

judge

+ s

=

judges

cow



+ s

=

cows

job

+ s

=

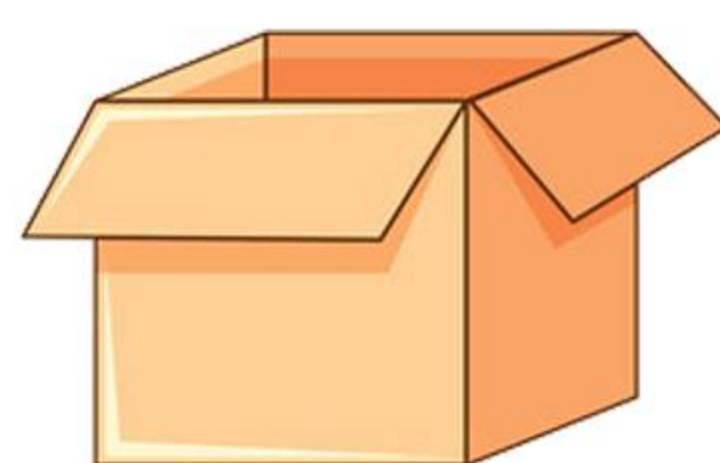
jobs



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2. The plurals of nouns ending in **s**, **sh**, **ch**, **x**, and **z** are formed by adding **es**.

Singular

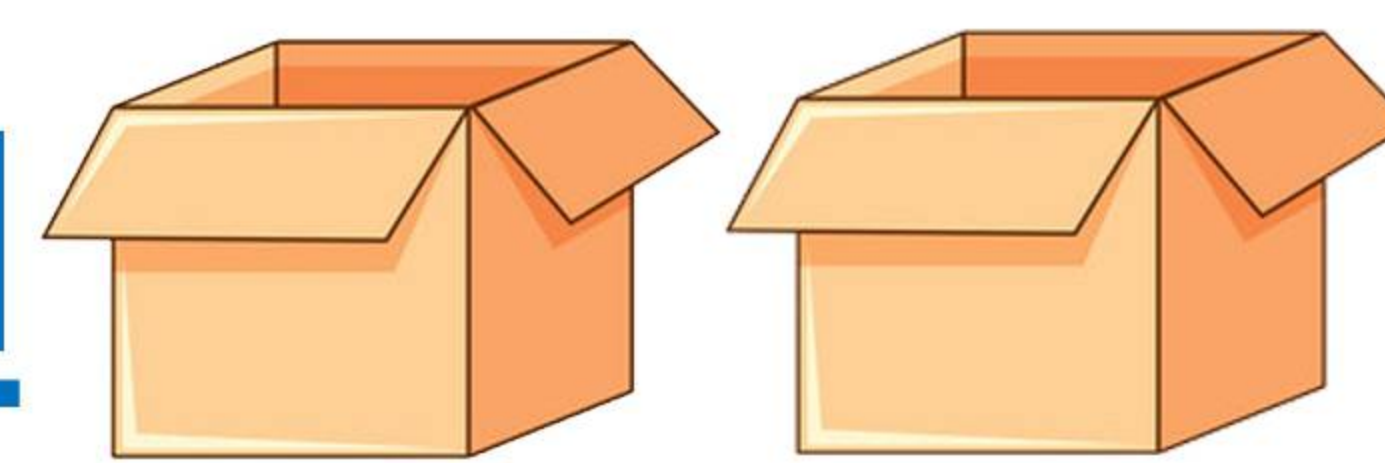


box

+ es

=

Plural



boxes

class

+ es

=

classes

ditch

+ es

=

ditches

flash

+ es

=

flashes

fizz

+ es

=

fizzes

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3. Nouns ending in **y** preceded by a consonant form their plurals by changing the **y** to **i** and adding **es**.

Singular

city

baby

company

change y
to i + es



=

=

=

Plural

cities

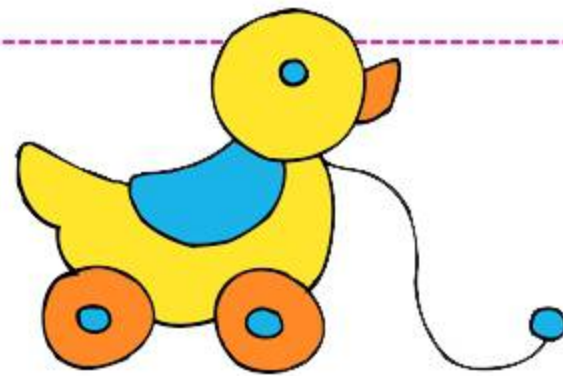
babies

companies



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4. For nouns ending in y preceded by a vowel (a, e, i, o, u), just add an **s** to form their plurals.

<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>	
toy	+ s	=	toys	
monkey	+ s	=	monkeys	
day	+ s	=	days	
buy	+ s	=	buys	

Note: Exceptions to the rule are:

soliloquy → soliloquies

colloquy → colloquies

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5. Most nouns ending in **o** add an **s** to form their plurals,

Singular

rodeo

+ s

=

radio

+ s

=

duo

+ s

=

trio

+ s

=

piano

+ s

=

solo

+ s

=

auto

+ s

=



Plural

rodeos

radios

duos

trios

pianos

solos

autos



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5. Most nouns ending in **o** add an **s** to form their plurals, but some of them will add an **es**.

Singular

tomato

+ es

=

potato

+ es

=

hero

+ es

=

echo

+ es

=

Plural

tomatoes

potatoes

heroes

echoes



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6. The plurals of most nouns ending in **f** are made by adding an **s**.

Singular

staff

+ s

=

chief

+ s

=

proof

+ s

=

sheriff

+ s

=

Plural

staffs

chiefs

proofs

sheriffs

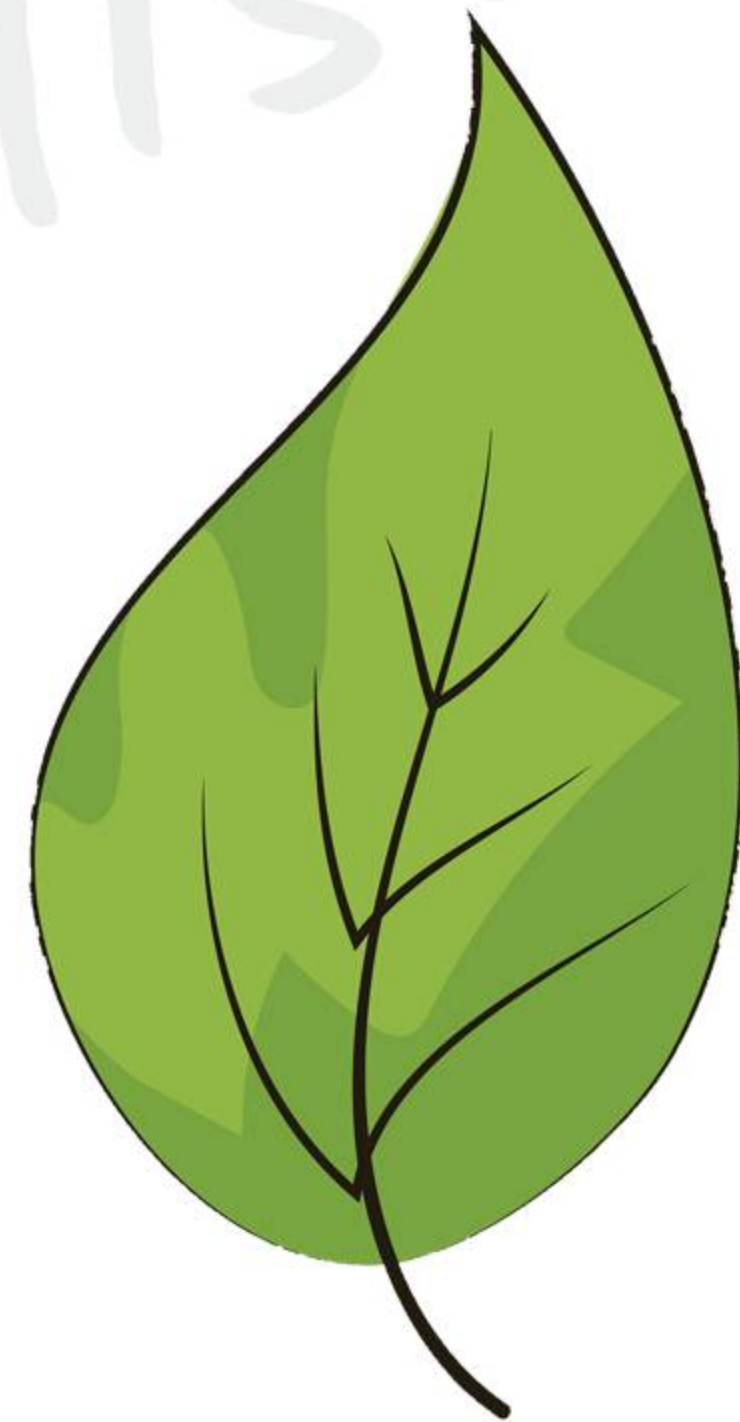


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7. Some nouns ending in **f** or **fe**, however, form their plurals by changing the **f** or **fe** to **ve** and adding an **s**.

Singular

elf
life
wolf
knife
loaf
thief
wife
leaf



Plural

elves
lives
wolves
knives
loaves
thieves
wives
leaves



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8. Some nouns use the same word in the singular and the plural.

Singular

fish

deer

sheep

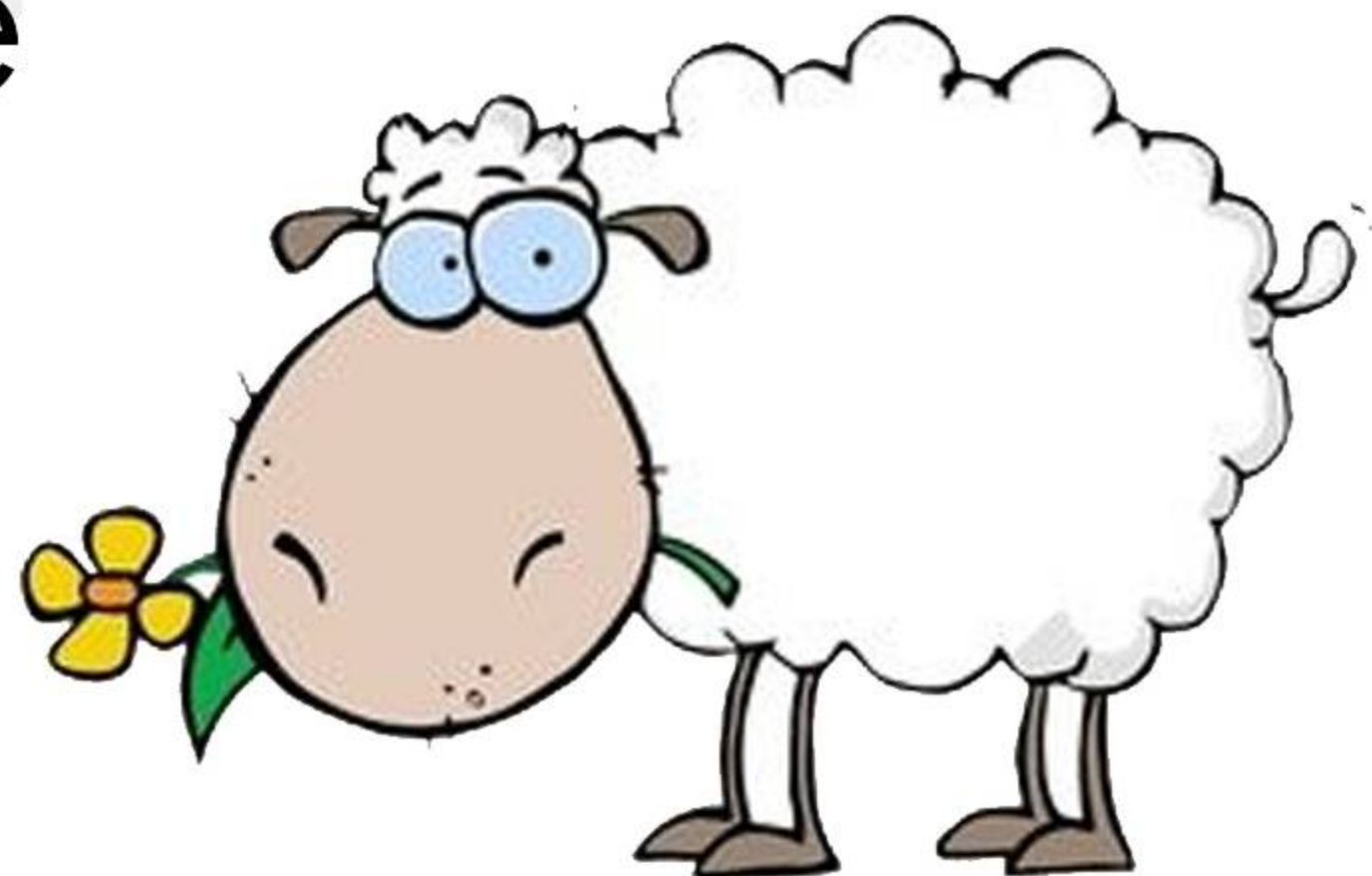
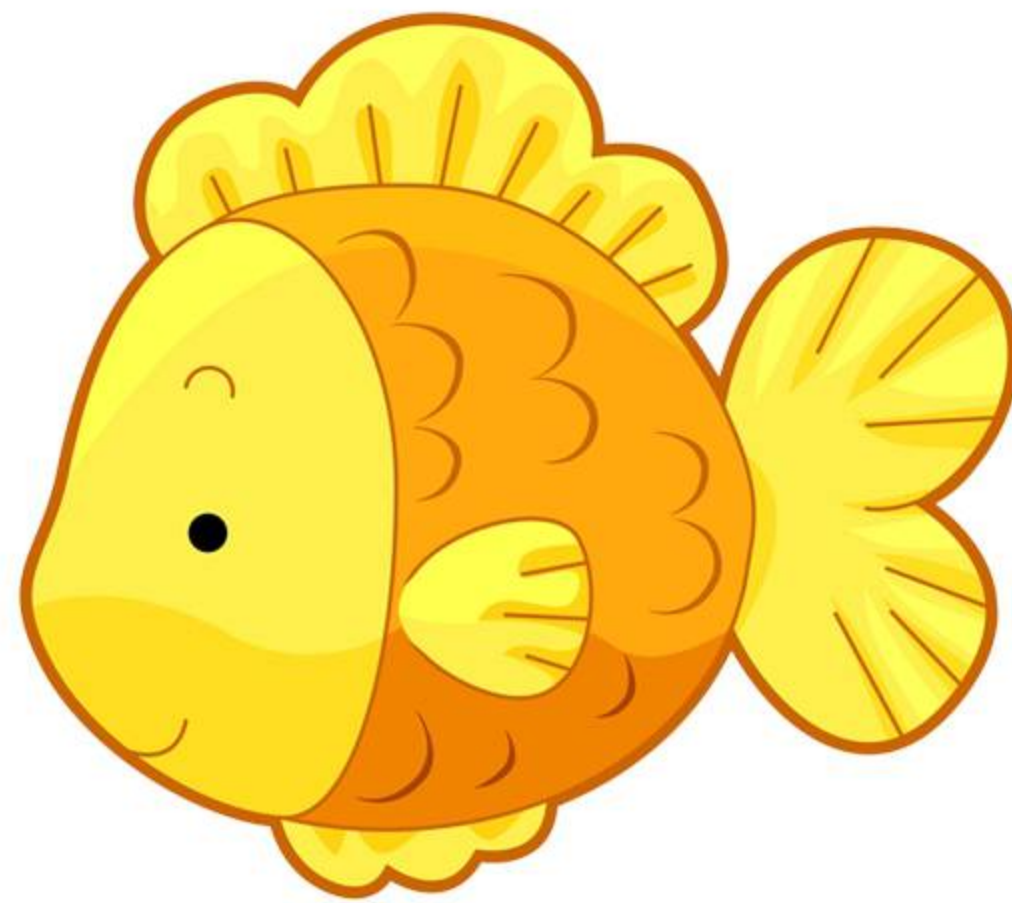
Chinese

cattle

Portuguese

trout

moose



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fish

deer

sheep

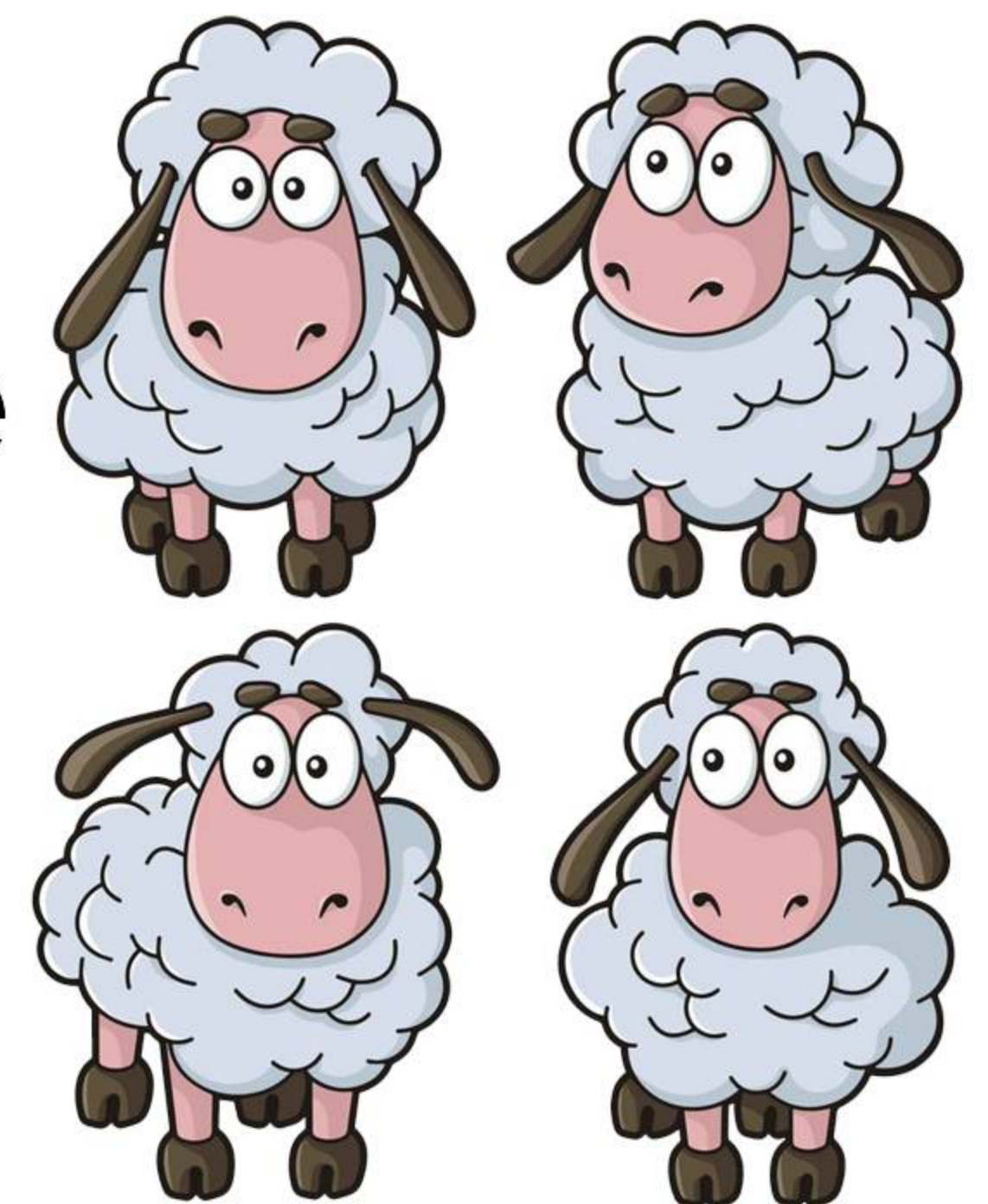
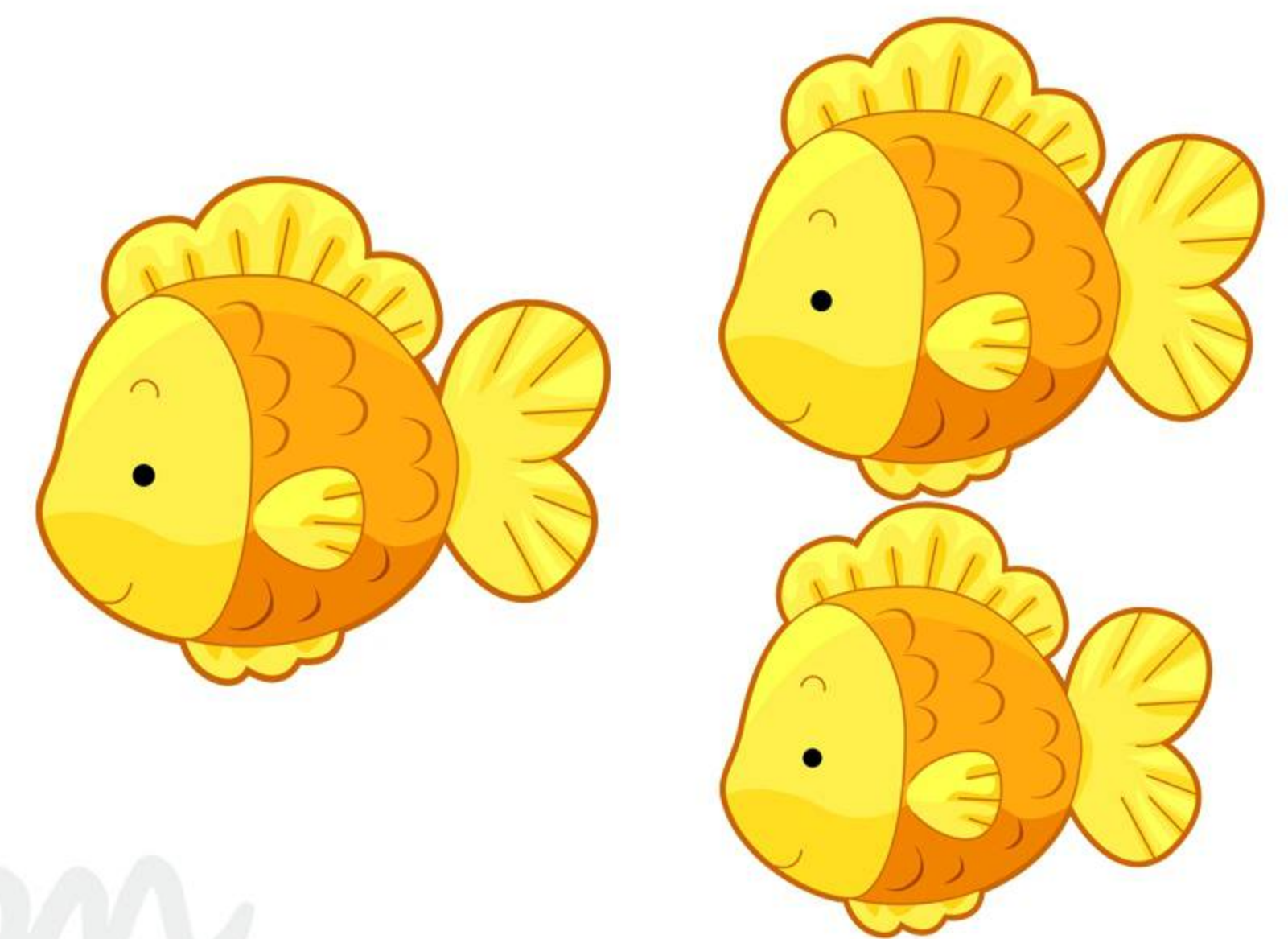
Chinese

cattle

Portuguese

trout

moose



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9. There are a few nouns in which the plural is formed in an irregular manner and spelled differently from the singular.

Singular

man

woman

child

foot

goose

mouse

tooth



Plural

men

women

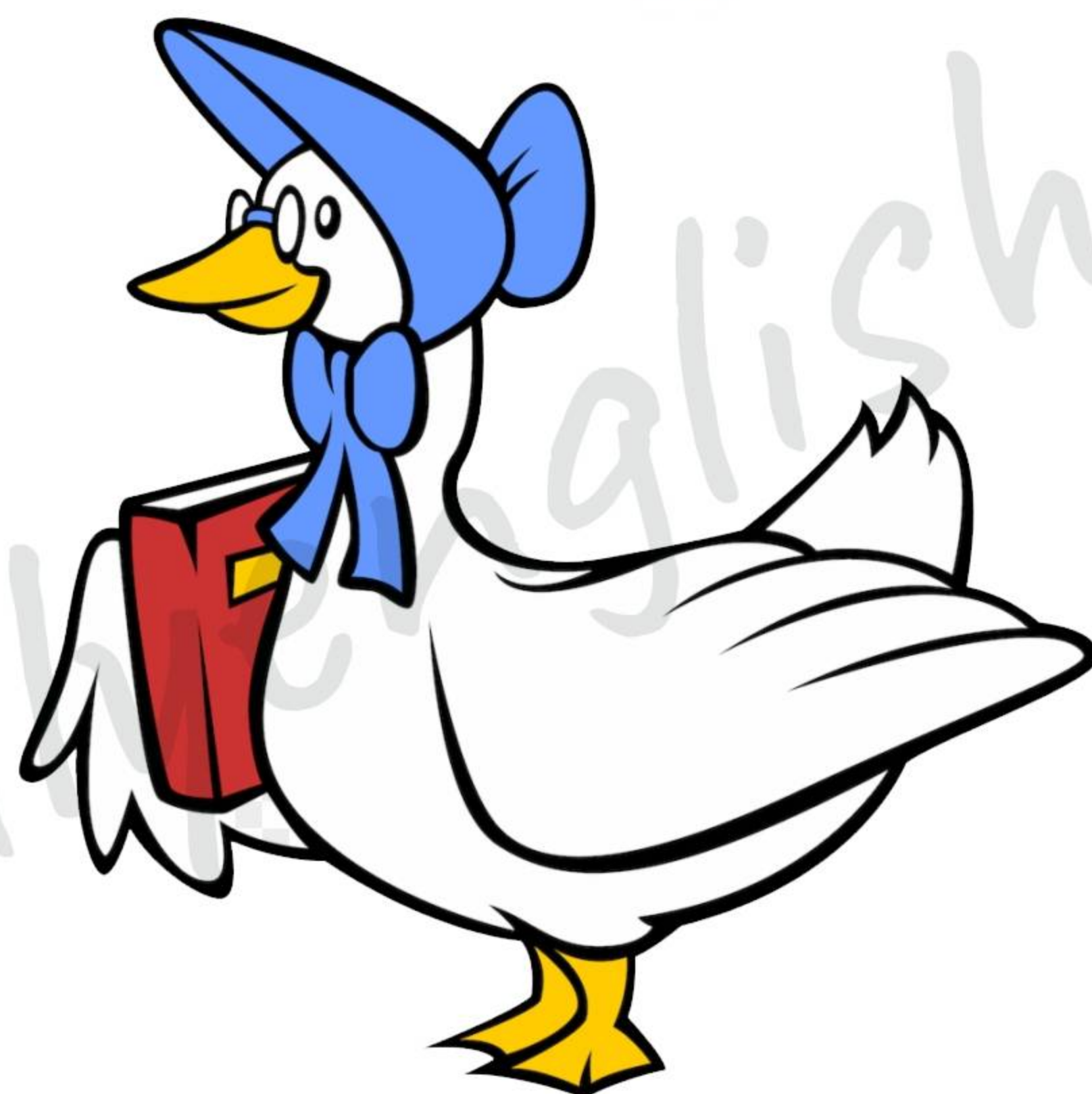
children

feet

geese

mice

teeth



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Practice 1: Write the correct plural form for each noun.

✓ a boy-.....

✓ a wolf-.....

✓ a story-.....

✓ a dog-.....

✓ a wife-.....



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Practice 2: Write the correct plural form for each noun.

✓ a church-.....

✓ a key-.....

✓ a car-.....

✓ a monkey -.....

✓ an elephant-.....



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Practice 3: Write the correct plural form for each noun.

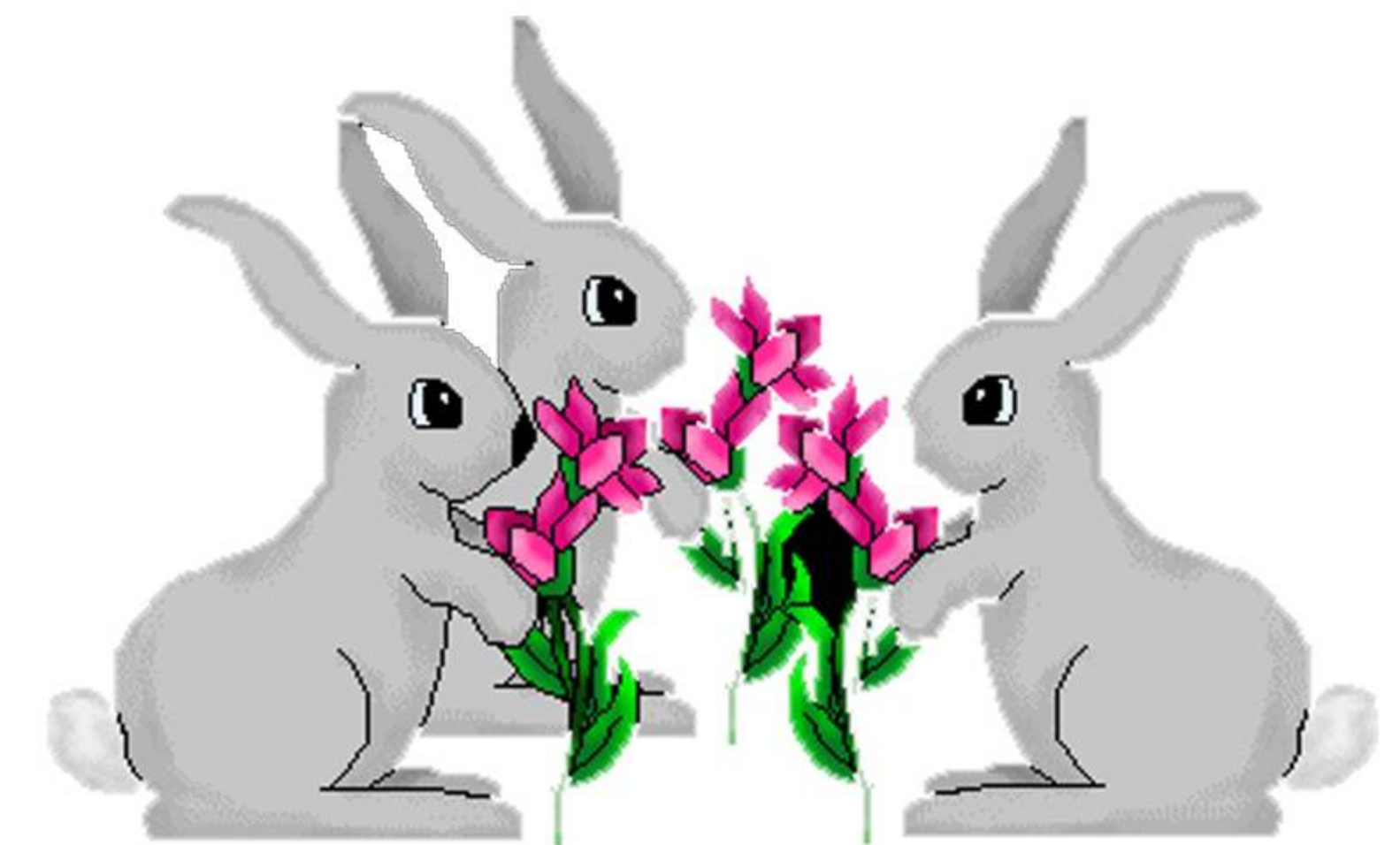
✓ a lion -

✓ a tiger-

✓ a rabbit-

✓ a cat-

✓ a dog-



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Practice 4: Write the correct plural form for each noun.

✓ a man-.....

✓ a tooth-.....

✓ a child-.....

✓ a woman-.....

✓ a foot-.....



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Practice 5: Write the correct plural form for each noun.

- ❖ These are good (child).
- ❖ A..... (man) is stronger than a
..... (woman).
- ❖ This is a small..... (deer).
- ❖ (mouse) are very nice.
- ❖ We have three..... (goose) and two
..... (sheep).

