

GRAMMAR: The plural of the nouns

1 REGEL: Du bildest den Plural eines NOMENS, indem du ein **s** an das Nomen hängst.

Nach einem s oder einem Zischlaut hängst du ein **es** an.

- ▶ a horse
- ▶ a dog
- ▶ a box
- ▶ eight horses
- ▶ two dogs
- ▶ three boxes

2 PRONUNCIATION (Aussprache) (the "s" sound: [s] [z] [ɪz])

Put all the nouns in the right place.

horses dogs rabbits hamsters cats tortoises parrots guinea pigs cages

[s]	[z]	[ɪz]

↓
nach stimmlosen
Konsonanten :
 (p, t, k, f)

↓
nach stimmhaften
Konsonanten + Vokalen:
 (b, d, g, v, l, m, n .. a,e,i, ..)

↓
nach S- oder Zischlauten

3 SPELLING (Schreibung)

- ▶ a baby
 - !!! ▶ a boy
 - ▶ two babies
 - ▶ two boys
- zwischen 2 **Konsonanten**: y → ie

4 IRREGULAR FORMS

- ▶ one mouse
- ▶ one fish
- ▶ one sheep
- ▶ one man
- ▶ one woman
- ▶ one shelf
- ▶ one wife
- ▶ one child
- ▶ one potato
- ▶ two mice
- ▶ ten fish
- ▶ twenty sheep
- ▶ five men
- ▶ seven women
- ▶ three shelves
- ▶ two wives
- ▶ ten children
- ▶ two potatoes

TEST YOURSELF:

1 Bildung: ► bei den meisten Substantiven wird ein _____ angehängt. _____ / 2 BE
 ► nach s oder einem Zischlaut wird ein _____ angehängt.

2 What are the plural forms? _____ / 10 BE

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|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------|
| 0 a book (7) → | seven books | 6 a friend (5) → | _____ |
| 1 a box (12) → | t _____ | 7 a child* (4) → | _____ |
| 2 a boy (13) → | _____ | 8 a map (6) → | _____ |
| 3 a sister (8) → | _____ | 9 a hat (9) → | _____ |
| 4 a desk (15) → | _____ | 10 a man* (11) → | _____ |
| 5 a house(3) → | _____ | AP: a baby (2) → | _____ |
- _____ / 2 BE

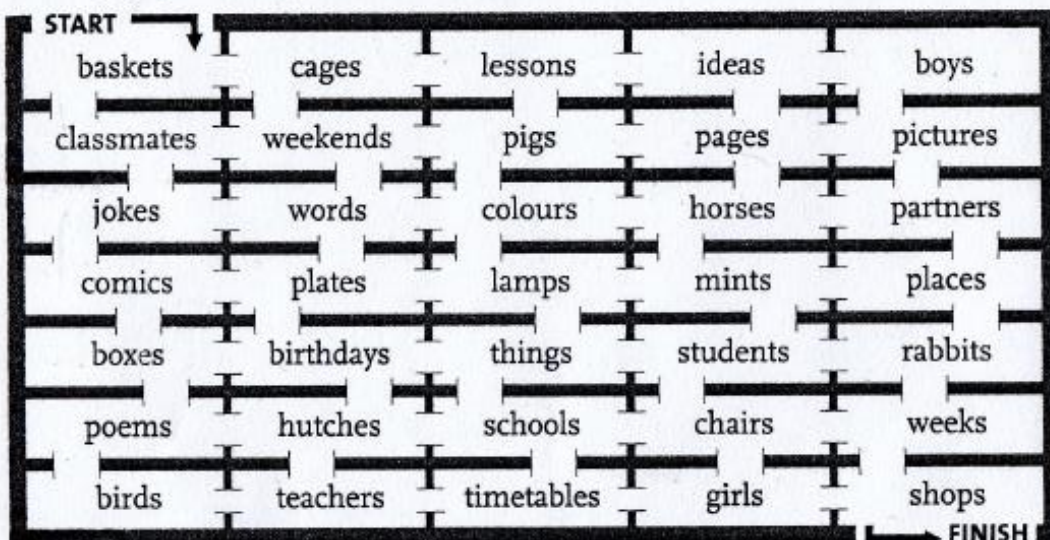
3 How do you speak the plural forms? [s] or [z] or [ɪz] _____ / 10 BE

Put the plurals in **nr. 2** in the right place in the table. (not the * irregular forms)

[s]	[z]	[ɪz]

JUST FOR FUN

1 Find your way through the maze.¹ You can go up (▲) and down (▼) or left and right (◀ ▶). But you can only go if² the plural of the word has the sound [-s]!



¹ through the maze: durch den Irrgarten ² if: wenn