Plurals of nouns can be created in the following ways:

1. Add an -s to form the plural of most words.
   - elephant -- elephants
   - stereo -- stereos

2. For words that end in a “hissing” sound (-s, -z, -x, -ch, -sh), add an -es to form the plural.
   - box -- boxes
   - church -- churches

3. If the word ends in a vowel plus -y (-ay, -ey, -iy, -oy, -uy), add an -s to form the word.
   - tray -- trays
   - key -- keys

4. If the word ends in a consonant plus -y, change the -y into -ie and add an -s to form the plural.
   - enemy -- enemies
   - baby -- babies

5. For words that end in -is, change the -is to -es to make the plural form.
   - synopsis -- synopses
   - thesis -- theses

6. Some words that end in -f or -fe have plurals that end in -ves.
   - knife -- knives
   - self -- selves

7. The plurals of words ending in -o are formed by either adding -s or by adding -es. The plurals of many words can be formed either way. To determine whether a particular word ends in -s or -es (or if the word can be spelled either way), check your dictionary or the list below. There are two helpful rules:

   a. All words that end in a vowel plus -o (-ao, -eo, -io, -oo, -uo) have plurals that end in just -s.
• stereo -- stereos
• studio -- studios
• duo -- duos

b. All musical terms ending in -o have plurals ending in just -s.

• piano -- pianos
• cello -- cellos
• solo -- solos

c. The following are examples of plural forms of words ending in -o:

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If you are unsure of how to make a noun plural, you can look up the singular form of noun in a dictionary to get the plural form.