

THE PLURALS OF NOUNS

EXERCISE 2

Part 1: Forming Plurals. Form the plurals of each noun below. (1 point each)

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| 1. bush | 1. _____ | 6. radio | 6. _____ |
| 2. pantry | 2. _____ | 7. tomato | 7. _____ |
| 3. clutch | 3. _____ | 8. hero | 8. _____ |
| 4. box | 4. _____ | 9. knife | 9. _____ |
| 5. tray | 5. _____ | 10. basis | 10. _____ |

Part 2: Correcting Errors in Plurals. Correct any errors in plural form in the following sentences. Write the correctly spelled plural forms on the blanks. (4 points each sentence; no points unless entirely correct)

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| 1. The two brother-in-laws had been victims of thieves. | 1. _____ |
| 2. Several dragonflies were hovering over the bushes. | 2. _____ |
| 3. The knives weren't sharp enough to cut the loafs. | 3. _____ |
| 4. We heard strange echos in the vallies. | 4. _____ |
| 5. Buy a bag of potatos and a carton of tomatos. | 5. _____ |
| 6. We picked six cupsful of berrys. | 6. _____ |
| 7. The Baker's and the Wolf's are coming for dinner. | 7. _____ |
| 8. Mr. Knowles has sound basises for his two hypothesises. | 8. _____ |
| 9. The bill of sales are attached to the boxes. | 9. _____ |
| 10. Some companys serve their stockbrokers free lunches. | 10. _____ |
| 11. This recipe calls for two tablespoonsful of vanilla and three egges. | 11. _____ |
| 12. Most of the churchs in these citys are Protestant. | 12. _____ |

13. The movers were late in bringing the pianoes to the studios. 13. _____

14. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves" is a fairy tale without any fairies in it. 14. _____

15. Deers are kept under control by the staffs of the parks. 15. _____

Part 3: Forming Plurals. Rewrite the sentences below, changing every noun to the plural form. Make necessary adjustments in modifiers and verb forms. Underline each plural noun you have formed. (3 points each sentence; no points unless entirely correct)

EXAMPLE: The toy on the table is an antique. The toys on the tables are antiques.

1. A wolf attacked our prize sheep.

2. The solo became an unforgettable echo.

3. The chef looked lovingly at the loaf.

4. A holiday gives the city dweller a chance to see natural beauty.

5. A mouse made the studio his own when the artist left.

6. The recipe calls for a cupful of fruit juice.

7. The scientist formulated a hypothesis about an astronomical phenomenon.

8. The Commander-in-Chief met the Chief-of-Staff.

9. The coach planned to put a sophomore in the big game.

10. On a summer evening, an auto pulled into a drive-in.
