

Plural Spelling Rules

1. No unusual endings add s

bed = beds, year = years, book = books

2. Words end in ch, sh, x, s and z = add es

(makes an iz sound)

Boxes = boxes, dress = dresses, peach = peaches

3. Words end in y = drop the y and add ies

Cry = cries, story = stories

But if there is a vowel before the y then just add s

Donkey = donkeys, boy = boys

4. Words end in a f = drop the f and add ves

Elf = elves, wolf = wolves, shelf = shelves

There are some exceptions to this

Roof = roofs

5. Words end with an o = add es

Potato = potatoes, tomato = tomatoes

6. Some words stay the same

Sheep = sheep, deer = deer