

Grammar

Worksheet 1: Irregular plural nouns, articles and tenses

Key point

A noun is a word that is a name for something: a person, place or thing. Some nouns are irregular when they are plural. That means they are not formed how we might expect. An article is used in English before a noun and is usually 'the' or 'a/an'. The tense of a verb tells us when the action happened.

Get started

Guided 1. Complete the table with the correct plural nouns.

Singular	Plural
elf	elves
shelf	
person	
tooth	

Guided 2. Write the correct article before the noun in the spaces.

a. Yorkshire is a county in England. the a an

b. He ate orange and some grapes. the a an

c. Kelly walked to park. the a an

3. Decide whether these sentences are referring to the present, past or future. Circle the correct answer.

a. I work on Saturdays. Present / Past / Future

b. I worked on Saturday. Present / Past / Future

c. I will work on Saturday. Present / Past / Future

4. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

a. Today my birthday. was is will be

b. Last Friday we out for lunch. going go went

c. My friend the film. love will love

Hint

Use articles before nouns; for example, 'the party' or 'a dog'.

Hint

Remember that 'an' is always used instead of 'a' when the noun starts with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u), for example: 'She is **an** engineer'.

Hint

Think about: is it happening now, has it already happened, or will it happen in the future?

Try this

1. Complete the table with the correct plural nouns.

Singular	Plural
goose	
knife	

2. Choose the correct article to complete the sentences.

a. Sonya made chocolate cake at the weekend. a an the

b. shops are closed on Christmas Day. a an the

c. I heard interesting story yesterday. a an the

d. The girls got last bus home. a an the

e. On holiday I had a ride on elephant. a an the

f. My mother is teacher. a an the

Watch out!

Remember that these nouns are irregular.

Guided

3. Use the correct tense to complete the sentences. Use the verb in brackets in the correct form.

Past tense

- a. They walked to the cinema. (walk)
- b. Sam _____ an email last week. (write)

Present tense

- c. Priya _____ to work every day. (walk)
- d. He _____ an email. (write)

Future tense

- e. Nathan _____ to the shop on Saturday. (walk)
- f. She _____ an email tomorrow. (write)

Hint

Remember that a verb is an action word or doing word, for example, **run, visit, go**.

Aim to pass

1. Complete the table with the correct plural nouns. (2 marks)

Singular	Plural
thief	
mouse	

2. Your friend Amir wants to come to see you. Write an email to Amir to invite him to stay at your house.

You should include:

- when to come
- how to get to your house
- what things you could do together.

You must include a subject and use bullet points.

Write four to six sentences.

(8 marks)

From: you@mailbox.biz
To: Amir@mailbox.biz
Subject:
Message:

Hint

Remember to write in full sentences and to check your spelling.

Watch out!

Check your answer when you have finished to make sure you have used the correct tenses, subject-verb agreement and articles.

**Rate yourself**

How confident are you about using plurals, articles and tenses?

**Got it!**

Move on to the next activity.

**Not there yet...**

Try one of the booster sheets for this worksheet.