

# Keywords

List 18

To make words PLURAL (more than one), you usually just add an "-s." But when a word ends in "ch," "sh," "x," "o," or "ss," you usually add "-es" to make it plural. Adding "-es" often adds a syllable.

READ the paragraph. The words in **bold** are your keywords.

Dad and I take long **hikes** in the country. We set out early, carrying our **lunches**. We pass through **fields** and small towns with white **churches**. Sometimes we pick **bunches** of **flowers** to bring home to Mom. One time, we saw a pair of **foxes** standing **inches** away from us. I ask Dad a lot of **questions** about the things we see, and he always has good **answers**. He says we should all be **students** of nature. When we get back to the car, we treat ourselves like **heroes** and get a big pizza dinner. That's the best part of the day!

FILL IN the blanks with the **bold** words in alphabetical order.

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# Stack Up

READ the keywords out loud. SORT the keywords by their plural endings. SPLIT the words into syllables (if they have more than one), using dots to mark the breaks.

HINT: The syllable break *usually* comes before the “-es” plural ending.

*Example: socks dress•es*

answers bunches churches fields flowers foxes  
heroes hikes inches lunches questions students

## “-s” Plurals

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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## “-es” Plurals

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