

Lesson
3

Plurals of words that end with o

Teaching

studio + s = studios	banjo + s = banjos
radio + s = radios	piano + s = pianos
rodeo + s = rodeos	kangaroo + s = kangaroos
stereo + s = stereos	zero + s = zeros
patio + s = patios	lasso + s = lassos
ratio + s = ratios	halo + s = halos
igloo + s = igloos	silo + s = silos
echo + es = echoes	potato + es = potatoes
hero + es = heroes	tomato + es = tomatoes

Lesson Generalization: **Singular** means one. **Plural** means more than one. Most singular nouns are made plural by adding the letter **s**. Most nouns that end with the letter **o** are also made plural by adding the letter **s**. A few nouns that end with **o** are made plural by adding **es**.

A. Complete the following exercise.

1. Most singular nouns ending in **o** are made plural by adding

_____. Write the plural forms of the words from the word list that follow this rule.

2. A few nouns ending in **o** are an exception to the rule. These exceptions are made plural by adding _____. Write the plural forms of the words from the word list that are exceptions to the rule.

B. On a separate sheet of paper, write the plural forms of the words from the word list in alphabetical order. Check your list to make sure that you have added the correct plural endings.

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More Practice

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| 1. studios | 7. igloos | 13. halos |
| 2. radios | 8. banjos | 14. silos |
| 3. rodeos | 9. pianos | 15. echoes |
| 4. stereos | 10. kangaroos | 16. heroes |
| 5. patios | 11. zeros | 17. potatoes |
| 6. ratios | 12. lassos | 18. tomatoes |

A. The words in each group are related in some way. Find words from the spelling list that fit into each group.

- carrots, onions, _____, _____
- recorders, phonographs, _____, _____
- guitars, organs, _____, _____
- horses, cowboys, _____, _____
- huts, apartments, tepees, _____
- decks, porches, terraces, _____

B. Write the plural form of the spelling word that matches each clue and fits in the puzzle.

Across

- relation of one number to another
- Australian animal
- number
- artist's work room
- Western talent contest

Down

- ring of light
- ice house
- paved area by a house
- part of a barn
- broadcasting device
- repeated sound
- record player

