



# PUBLIC SCHOOL DARBHANGA

## ENGLISH/ CLASS III/ NOUNS: NUMBER /2020-21

- A noun that shows one person or thing is said to be in the Singular Number. E.g: boy, girl, table, pencil, eraser etc.
- A noun that denotes more than one person or thing is said to be in the Plural Number. E.g: boys, girls, tables, pencils, erasers etc.

Thus, there are two Numbers in English – the Singular and the Plural.

How Plurals are formed:

1. Singular nouns generally take their plurals by adding ‘s’  
boy - boys, girl- girls, book- books, eraser-erasers, car- cars
2. Nouns ending in -s,-sh,-ch or -x form the plural by adding -es to the Singular like.  
class – classes, brush- brushes, branch-branches, box-boxes
3. Most Nouns ending in -o also form plural by adding -es to the Singular.  
E.g:  
mango - mangoes  
potato - potatoes  
hero - heroes
4. Some Nouns ending in -f or -fe form their plural by changing -f or -fe into -v and adding -es. E.g:  
wife - wives  
wolf - wolves  
leaf - leaves
5. Some Nouns ending in -y change their plural by changing into -ies. E.g:  
story - stories  
fairy - fairies
6. A few Nouns form their Plural by changing the inside vowel of the Singular as:  
man - men  
foot - feet  
tooth - teeth  
mouse- mice                                  ox - oxen

**Q1. Now complete the sentences changing the nouns in the bracket to plural**

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ (pencil) in this box are red and blue in colour.
- b. There are two \_\_\_\_\_ (horse) in the stable.
- c. There are 30 \_\_\_\_\_ (day) in June.
- d. Mummy cut the apple into two \_\_\_\_\_ (half)
- e. The \_\_\_\_\_ (donkey) were carrying \_\_\_\_\_ (cloth) on their backs.
- f. Four \_\_\_\_\_ (desk) were made by the carpenter.
- g. The \_\_\_\_\_ (truck) were full of bags carrying \_\_\_\_\_ (potato)
- h. The baker baked many \_\_\_\_\_ (loaf) of bread.
- i. How many \_\_\_\_\_ (thief) entered your house?
- j. There are four \_\_\_\_\_ (church) in this city.

**Q2. Complete the following:**

- a. One man - four \_\_\_\_\_
- b. One foot - two \_\_\_\_\_
- c. One woman - two \_\_\_\_\_
- d. A tooth - several \_\_\_\_\_
- e. One ox - a pair of \_\_\_\_\_
- f. One goose - many \_\_\_\_\_

**Q3. Fill in the blacks with correct form of Nouns given in the brackets:**

- a. He is riding a \_\_\_\_\_ (bicycle/ bicycles)
- b. The man spoke to his \_\_\_\_\_ before making a decision. (wife/wives)
- c. Where are the \_\_\_\_\_ (children/child) playing today?
- d. The wanted his \_\_\_\_\_ (son/sons) to be united.
- e. Please switch on these \_\_\_\_\_ (light/lights)
- f. The \_\_\_\_\_ (man/men) in the shop were very rude.
- g. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ (baby/babies) show in the town yesterday.
- h. I want this dress shorter by an \_\_\_\_\_ (inch/ inches)
- i. The stars twinkle in the \_\_\_\_\_ (sky/skies)
- j. The voice \_\_\_\_\_ (echo/echoes) on the hills.

### **SELF-CHECK**

Q1. pencils, horses, days, halves, donkeys, clothes, desks, trucks, potatoes, loaves, thieves, churches

Q2. men, feet, women, teeth, oxen, geese

Q3. bicycle, wife, children, sons, lights, men, baby, inch, sky, echoes

