Some nouns do not follow any pattern when they are made into plurals. We call these ‘Irregular Plurals’ and they do not follow any patterns. Some are even the same when they are singular as well as plural for example, one sheep, a flock of sheep. See if you can find the following irregular plurals. Remember if something becomes plural, you might need to change other words in your sentence. For example, the dog was big, the dogs WERE big.

Irregular Plurals

1. These nouns are different in the plural form and do not take -S

   a man  two men
   a foot  two feet

2. These nouns have the same singular and plural form

   a deer  two deer
   a salmon  two salmon

3. Some names of clothes are always plural. They must have a plural verb.

   How much are these jeans? They’re 30 pounds.

4. Hair is usually a singular word, so it takes a singular verb.

   His hair is short.

Write the plural form for each of these singular nouns.

1. one woman  two __________
2. one goose  three __________
3. one child  two __________
4. one mouse  many __________
5. one swine  five __________
6. one tooth  seven __________
7. one sportsman  two __________
8. one sheep  many __________
9. one policeman  three __________
10. one foot  two __________
11. shorts  a pair of __________
12. trousers  a pair of __________

Choose the correct answer.

1. All my friends are good __________
   a) children  b) child  c) child’s
2. This old dog is without __________
   a) tooths  b) tooth  c) teeth
3. There are a lot of __________ in the house.
   a) mice  b) mouses  c) mouse
4. Tom can’t go for a walk because his __________ are hurting.
   a) foots  b) feet  c) feets
5. The beautiful __________ live in our Zoo.
   a) deer  b) deers  c) deeres
6. There are a lot of __________ in the yard.
   a) goose  b) gooses  c) geese

Match the two parts of the sentences.

1. Ann’s child  A are at school.
   The children  B is at school.
2. Your glasses  A are on the table.
   Your glass of water  B is on the table.
3. That sheep  A is big.
   Those sheep  B are big.
4. My tooth  A are white.
   My teeth  B is white.
5. This woman  A are my cousins.
   These women  B is my cousin.

Write the following sentences in the plural.

1. The deer is not in the cage.
   __________
2. The child is Sam’s brother.
   __________
3. There is a man and a woman in the street.
   __________
4. The grey mouse is under the floor.
   __________
5. His hair is brown.
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