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Nouns (Irregular Plural Nouns that Change Form)

Many singular nouns are made plural by adding an *s* or *es* to the end of the word.

Examples:

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
apple	apples
box	boxes

Some singular nouns change form when they become plural nouns.

Examples:

<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
mouse	mice
man	men

PRACTICE

Write the plural form of each noun. Use a dictionary to find the plural form of any word that you are not sure of. (Example: mouse $\underline{\text{mice}}$)

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
1. child		9. person	
2. goose		10. scarf	
3. foot		11. half	
4. tooth		12. die	
5. woman		13. leaf	
6. elf		14. life	
7. knife		15. wolf	
8. ox		16. shelf	

Use the above list of words to complete each sentence. Write the correct form (singular or plural) of the word on the line. (Example: <u>Mice</u> love to eat cheese.)

- 17. Dad and I hung the _____ on the wall.
- 18. Farmer Brown hooked two _____ to the wagon to plow the field.
- 19. How many _____ know how to spell this word?
- 20. My sister lost a _____ last night.
- 21. I saw seven _____ flying in formation.

- 22. The ______ is very sharp.
- 23. Dana ate ______ of the pie!
- 24. Mom tied a _____ around her neck.
- 25. Dad dances like he has two left
- 26. I like to do _____ rubbings.



On a separate sheet of paper, write a paragraph using several of the irregular plural nouns. Rewrite the paragraph changing the plural nouns to singular nouns. Have a classmate proofread the paragraph and circle the mistakes.