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one brush
two brushes



one fox
two foxes

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one knife
two knives

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Make the plural form of many words ending in “y” by dropping the “y” and adding “ies”.



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Make the plural form of some “oo” words by changing to “ee”.



one foot
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one tooth
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Some irregular plurals just have to be remembered:

one man, two men

one child, two children

one woman, two women

one cactus, two cacti

one index, two indices

one mouse, two mice

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| 4. goose | _____ | 8. tomato | _____ |
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