

## KS3 English Quiz - Spelling (Singular and Plural Nouns) 01 (Questions)

When spelling the plural of a singular noun, it's normally a case of simply adding **s** to the word. However, not always! Some nouns use the same spelling for both singular and plural. For example, there might be one trout in the river, or many trout, but the spelling remains the same.

This quiz gives a chance to see if you can remember which nouns in English share their singular and plural forms and which follow the more typical rule of adding an **-s** or **-es**. Is the plural of deer "deer" or "deers" (or even "deeres")? Is the plural of fish "fish", "fishs" or "fishes"? Is the plural of sheep "sheep", "sheeps" or "sheepes"? This quiz will help!

For the record, the correct plural of deer is "deer", and for sheep it is "sheep". But the plural of fish is itself plural, since it has two possible forms, both correct: "fish" and "fishes"! Isn't spelling great? Just keep practising, train your memory, and try not to worry over the inevitable errors.

Test your skills in this quiz.

**1. One sheep but two .....**

- lambs
- sheep
- sheepes
- sheeps

**2. A herd of swine (i.e. pigs) but one .....**

- swin
- swine
- swines
- swins

**3. One deer but many .....**

- dear
- dears
- deer
- deers

**4. One cod but a shoal of .....**

- cod
- code
- codes
- cods

**5. One headquarters but nine .....**

- headquarters
- headquarteres
- headquarters's
- headsquarters

**6. One series of "Dr. Who" but three .....**

- serie
- series
- serieses
- series's

**7. An army barracks (accommodation), or multiple .....**

- barrack
- barrackes
- barracks
- barracks's

**8. One fish swimming in the river but seven .....**

- fish
- fishies
- fishs
- fishy

**9. One red-nosed reindeer but six .....**

- reindeer
- reindeers
- reindeer's
- reinsdeer

**10. One species of animal but thousands of .....**

- specie
- species
- specieses
- species's

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**1. One sheep but two .....**

- lambs
- sheep
- sheepes
- sheeps

Use "sheep" for any amount of sheep

**2. A herd of swine (i.e. pigs) but one .....**

- swin
- swine
- swines
- swins

Use "swine" for one pig or many pigs

**3. One deer but many .....**

- dear
- dears
- deer
- deers

"Deer" is singular and plural. Don't confuse with "dear", though!

**4. One cod but a shoal of .....**

- cod
- code
- codes
- cods

Ten thousand cod or one cod, it's all the same

**5. One headquarters but nine .....**

- headquarters
- headquartereses
- headquarters's
- headsquarters

"Headquarters" is already plural, if you think about it

**6. One series of "Dr. Who" but three .....**

- serie
- series
- serieses
- series's

Certainly not "serieses"!

**7. An army barracks (accommodation), or multiple .....**

- barrack
- barrackes
- barracks
- barracks's

"Barracks", like "headquarters" (or "quarters") is already plural. It is more common to hear the plural form than the singular "barrack"

**8. One fish swimming in the river but seven .....**

- fish
- fishies
- fishs
- fishy

"Fishes" is also acceptable as a plural form of "fish"

**9. One red-nosed reindeer but six .....**

- reindeer
- reindeers
- reindeer's
- reinsdeer

This makes sense because "reindeer" are a type of "deer", which is also the same in singular and plural forms

**10. One species of animal but thousands of .....**

- specie
- species
- specieses
- species's

Use the same spelling for any number of "species"