



Irregular Plurals Worksheet: 20 Nouns That Don't Follow the Rules

Instructions: This worksheet will test your knowledge of 20 common irregular plural nouns—words that don't just add -s or -es to become plural. Use the knowledge gained from the accompanying article to complete the exercises.

Part A: Matching the Pair (10 Questions)

Match the singular noun on the left with its correct irregular plural form on the right. Write the corresponding letter in the blank space.

Singular Noun	Answer	Plural Noun
1. Man	_____	A. Teeth
2. Mouse	_____	B. Criteria
3. Child	_____	C. Feet
4. Foot	_____	D. Sheep
5. Criterion	_____	E. Men
6. Wolf	_____	F. Children
7. Goose	_____	G. Mice
8. Species	_____	H. Wolves
9. Tooth	_____	I. Geese
10. Sheep	_____	J. Species

Part B: Singular or Plural? (10 Questions)

Read each sentence and choose the correct form of the word in parentheses to complete the sentence.

11. The scientist published a single important (datum / data) from the experiment.

○ Answer: _____

12. How many (woman / women) are attending the conference?

○ Answer: _____

13. He saw one (deer / deers) drinking water by the river.

○ Answer: _____

14. The tiny (fungus / fungi) grew on the side of the log.

○ Answer: _____

15. I need to brush my (tooth / teeth) before I go to bed.

○ Answer: _____

16. The students must meet two main (criterion / criteria) to pass the course.

○ Answer: _____

17. The new streaming (series / serieses) is very popular.

○ Answer: _____

18. The farmer owned a pair of (ox / oxen) for plowing.

○ Answer: _____

19. We collected all the fallen (leaf / leaves) in the yard.

○ Answer: _____

20. The storm was a terrifying natural (phenomenon / phenomena).

○ Answer: _____

Part C: Fill in the Blank (5 Questions)

Complete the sentences by writing the correct plural form of the singular noun provided in parentheses.

21. My favorite book _____ (series) are all written by the same author.

22. The cat chased several _____ (mouse) out of the kitchen.

23. The ocean contains thousands of different _____ (species) of marine life.

24. We watched the _____ (geese) fly south for the winter.

25. The biologist studied the _____ (nucleus) of many different cells.

Answer Key

Part A: Matching the Pair

1. E. Men
2. G. Mice
3. F. Children
4. C. Feet
5. B. Criteria
6. H. Wolves
7. I. Geese
8. J. Species
9. A. Teeth
10. D. Sheep

Part B: Singular or Plural?

11. datum (The word 'single' tells us the singular form is needed.)
12. women (The question word 'How many' signals the plural form.)
13. deer (This word is the same in singular and plural. 'One' tells us the singular meaning is intended.)
14. fungus (The article 'The' preceding the adjective 'tiny' suggests a singular noun here.)
15. teeth (Most adults have more than one tooth.)
16. criteria ('Two main' signals the plural form.)
17. series (This word is the same in singular and plural. 'New streaming' suggests a singular noun here.)
18. oxen ('A pair of' signals the plural form, though it refers to two.)
19. leaves (The verb 'collected' and the context suggest multiple leaves.)
20. phenomenon ('A terrifying natural' signals the singular form.)

Part C: Fill in the Blank

21. series
22. mice
23. species
24. geese
25. nuclei (or nucleuses)