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RULES FOR FORMING PLURAL NOUNS

To make most nouns plural, just add an "s" at the end.

Example: **cat** becomes **cats**

If a noun ends in -ch, -sh, -s, -x, or -z, add "es" at the end.

Example: **church** becomes **churches**

If a noun ends in "y" and there is a consonant before the "y", change the "y" to "i" and add "es."

Example: **family** becomes **families**

If a noun ends in "y" and there is a vowel before the "y" just add "s."

Example: **holiday** becomes **holidays**

If a noun ends in "f" or "fe" change the "f" or "fe" to "ves."

Example: **knife** becomes **knives**

The exceptions to this rule are: **roof, hoof, chief, belief**. Just add "s" to these four words.

Directions: Write the plural form of each word.

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| 1. dog | _____ | 7. city | _____ | 13. shelf | _____ |
| 2. kiss | _____ | 8. basket | _____ | 14. roof | _____ |
| 3. baby | _____ | 9. watch | _____ | 15. calf | _____ |
| 4. toy | _____ | 10. box | _____ | 16. song | _____ |
| 5. wife | _____ | 11. way | _____ | 17. paper | _____ |
| 6. life | _____ | 12. body | _____ | 18. monkey | _____ |