

What are Plural Nouns?

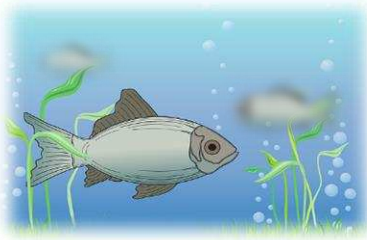
Quite simply, "plural nouns" are two or more of the same noun.

In English, plurals are formed in the following ways (in descending order of frequency):

- 1) add an "-(e)s": rabbit > rabbits
dish > dishes



- 2) change a vowel within the word: man > men; goose > geese



- 3) do nothing:
one fish > many fish

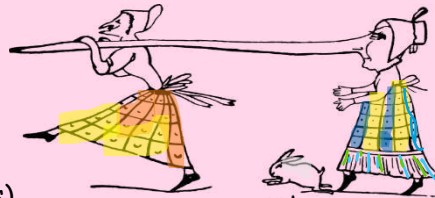
- 4) do something weird:
child > children



In Danish there are also 4 ways of forming plurals:

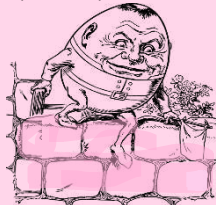
NOTE! The plural nouns discussed here are indefinite plural nouns. For definite plural nouns, see page XX.

- 1) add "-(e)r": kvinde (woman) > kvinder (women)
kanin (rabbit) > kaniner (rabbits)



- 2) add "-e": mur (wall) > mure (walls)
nederdel (skirt) > nederdele (skirts)

- 3) do nothing: æg (egg) > æg (eggs)
fisk (fish) > fisk (fish)



- 4a) change a vowel in the word:
mand > mænd (man > men)

- b) change a vowel in the word and and add an ending:

and > ænder (duck > ducks)



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