

Irregular Plural Nouns Anchor Chart

(Example, for Teacher Reference)

Irregular: Nouns ending in -f or -fe

To form the plural of nouns ending in -f or -fe, change the -f or -fe to -ve and then add an -s.

Singular (one person, place, thing, or idea)	Plural (more than one person, place, thing, or idea)	What do you notice?
calf	Calves	<i>Drop the -f and add -ves to the word.</i>
shelf	shelves	
life	<i>lives</i>	

Irregular: Changing vowels, the word, or adding a different ending

To form the plural of some nouns, the vowel is changed, the entire word is changed, or the ending is changed.

Singular (one person, place, thing, or idea)	Plural (more than one person, place, thing, or idea)	What changed?
man, woman	men, women	<i>the vowel</i>
mouse	mice	<i>the word</i>
foot	feet	<i>the word</i>
tooth	teeth	<i>the word</i>
child	<i>children</i>	<i>a different ending</i>
person	<i>people</i>	<i>the word</i>

Irregular: Same Spelling

To form the plural of some nouns, the spelling is the same as the singular form.

Singular (one person, place, thing, or idea)	Plural (more than one person, place, thing, or idea)
deer	deer
fish	<i>fish</i>
scissors	<i>scissors</i>