

Grammar Explanation

When to use singular and plural nouns

- Remember to add the -s or -es to plural count nouns.
 - Example: **Parents** and **teachers** got together to discuss **problems** with the curriculum.
- Some plural nouns are irregular. Remember to use the correct form.
 - Example: The number of **women** entering the field of Criminal Justice has greatly increased in the last few decades.
- Use plural nouns after plural quantifiers such as *few*, *some*, and *many*.
 - Example: *Many of the* **students** were worried about the test, but only some of the **students** were willing to put in the extra hours of study.
- Use plural nouns when you refer back to another plural noun.
 - Example: **Members** of the medical field are both **victims** and **perpetrators** of the system.
- Certain adjectives refer to groups when used with the definite article *the*. For example, *the poor* means poor people - use plural nouns and pronouns when you refer to these adjectives.
 - Example: *Many of the poor* are **mothers** and **fathers** working hard, but failing to make ends meet.

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