ESOL Level 012

Grammar: Nouns + BE

Singular/plural

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	BE				
Singular = 1 Plural = 2, 3	SINGULAR	PLURAL	NOUNS		
	I am	We are	People:	Places:	Things:
	He is	You are	teacher	country	dog
	She is	They are	student	Seattle	car
	It is		mother	home	book
			doctor	classroom	pen

Singular

Use "a" with words that begin with consonants.

- 1. a country Mexico is a country.
- 2. a <u>dog</u> It is <u>a dog</u>.
- 3. a <u>h</u>orse I want <u>a horse</u>.

Use "an" with words that begin with vowels.

- 1. an <u>animal</u> A horse is <u>an animal</u>.
- 2. an <u>ant</u> An ant is <u>an insect</u>.
- 3. an office I work in an office.



<u>Practice!</u>

- 1. English is ____ language. 4. ___ ant is ____ insect.
- 3. Mexico is ____ country. 6. ___ dictionary is ___ book.

<u>Plural</u>

Use "-s", "-es" or "-ies" with plural words.

- 1. Cat<u>s</u>
- 2. peaches
- 3. countries



Spelling

Use "-es" with words that end in -sh, -ch, -ss, and -x.

- 1. Pushes
- 2. Teaches
- 3. Ki<u>ss</u>es
- 4. fi<u>x</u>es

Change "y" to "i" + es with words that end in consonant + y

- 1. ba **b y** --- babi<u>es</u>
- 2. ci t y --- citi<u>es</u>

No change with words that end in vowel + y, only -s

- 1. boy ---- boys
- 2. key --- keys

Practice: write the words in plural form

baby	boy	country	dictionary
church	lady	class	dish
key	bush	tax	glass