

Business English 6: Plural Nouns and Telling Time



1. Work with a partner. Look at the picture below, how many items can you list?



Write as many words from the picture above in the box below.



2. Look at the pictures below and answer the questions.

1. How many people can you see?



2. How many boxes can you see?



3. How many teeth can you see?



4. How many children can you see?



5. How many women do you see?



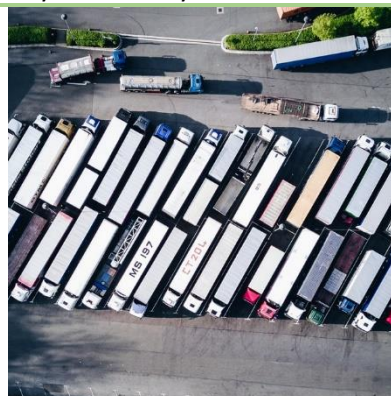
6. How many chairs do you see?



7. How many books do you see?



8. How many lorries do you see?



How to make plural nouns

To make a plural noun we usually just add the letter -s at the end of the word.

For example:

1 desk = 2 desks, 1 office = 3 offices, 1 computer = 4 computers, 1 paper = 5 papers etc.

For nouns ending in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x we add -es to the end of the word.

For example:

1 box = 2 boxes, 1 pass = 3 passes, 1 watch = 2 watches

For nouns ending in consonant + -y we add -ies to the end of the word.

For example:

1 country = 2 countries, 1 company = 3 companies, 1 copy = 2 copies

Irregular plurals

For example:

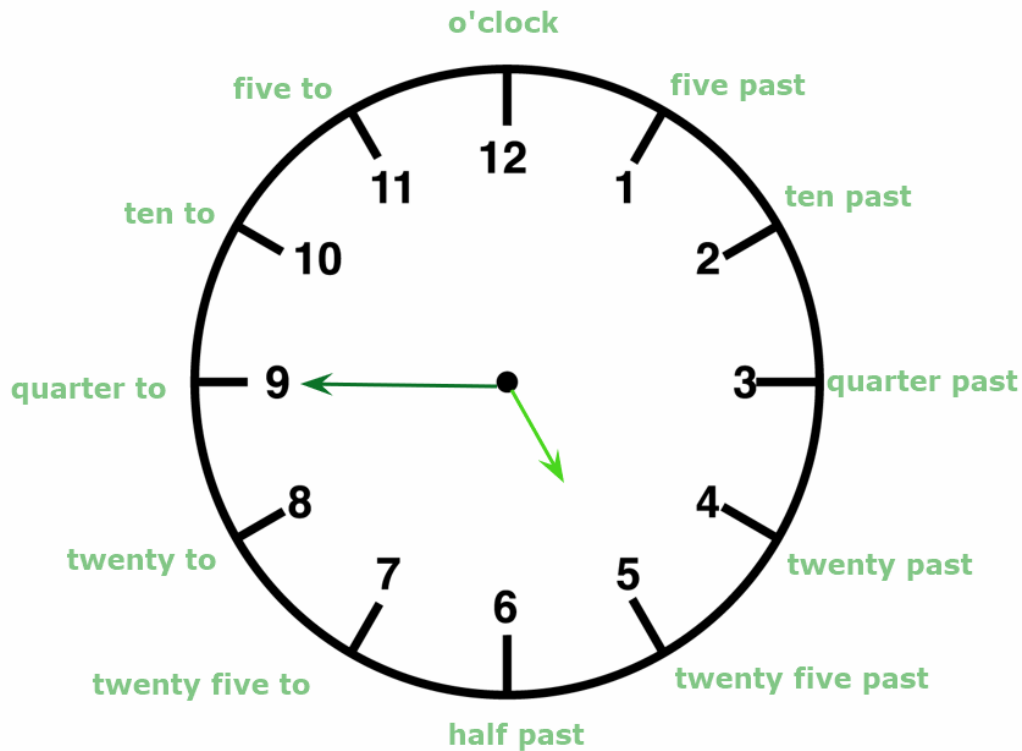
1 man = 2 men, 1 woman = 3 women, 1 child = 4 children, 1 person = 5 people, 1 tooth = 6 teeth



3. Full out the table below. Add your translations to new vocabulary and put singular nouns in plural form.

Translation	Singular	Plural	Translation	Singular	Plural
	desk			library	
	printer			machine	
	boss			bus	
	activity			box	
	day			contact	
	lunch			key	
	agenda			book	
	secretary			class	
	coach			item	
	factory			canteen	
	lorry			laptop	
	man			chair	
	woman			child	
	teeth			Person	

Telling Time



"Excuse me, what time is it?"

"It's quarter to five."



4. Practice telling the time and complete the exercise below.

Note: am (morning) pm (afternoon/evening)

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| 1. 1pm | a. Ten past ten in the evening. |
| 2. 3:45pm | b. Ten to three in the afternoon. |
| 3. 9:15am | c. Quarter to four in the afternoon. |
| 4. 6:20pm | d. Ten past ten in the morning. |
| 5. 8:40am | e. Twenty to nine in the morning. |
| 6. 10:10pm | f. Five past eleven in the morning. |
| 7. 10:10am | g. One o'clock in the afternoon. |
| 8. 11:05am | h. Half past eight in the morning. |
| 9. 8:30am | i. Twenty past six in the evening. |
| 10. 2:50pm | j. Quarter past nine in the morning. |