

## 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.

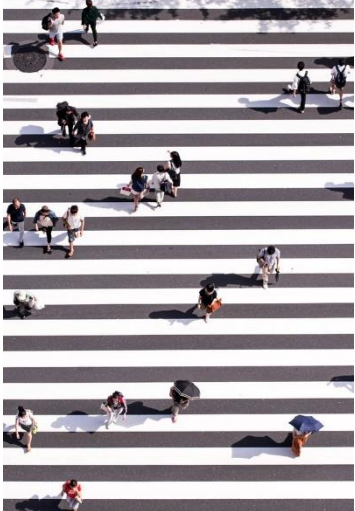







*Possible answers:*

laptop                      book  
                                     cup      coffee      pencil case  
 bowl                      desk      bottle                      headphones  
                                     table                      paper  
                                     hands                      teapot                      cable  
 power bank              rubber      mobile  
                                     pen                      lighter                      charger



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

*Note to teacher: Some of these are more difficult to count than others and you should have fun with this. Remember the final number isn't the most important part of this activity – getting your students counting is! So allow them to disagree, recount and have a laugh about it.*

<p>1. How many people can you see? <span style="float: right;">20</span></p>	<p>2. How many boxes can you see? <span style="float: right;">24</span></p>
	
<p>3. How many teeth can you see? <span style="float: right;">32</span></p>	<p>4. How many children can you see? <span style="float: right;">6</span></p>
	
<p>5. How many women do you see? <span style="float: right;">2</span></p>	<p>6. How many chairs do you see? <span style="float: right;">5</span></p>
	
<p>7. How many books do you see? <span style="float: right;">16</span></p>	<p>8. How many lorries do you see? <span style="float: right;">39</span></p>
	

## 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:

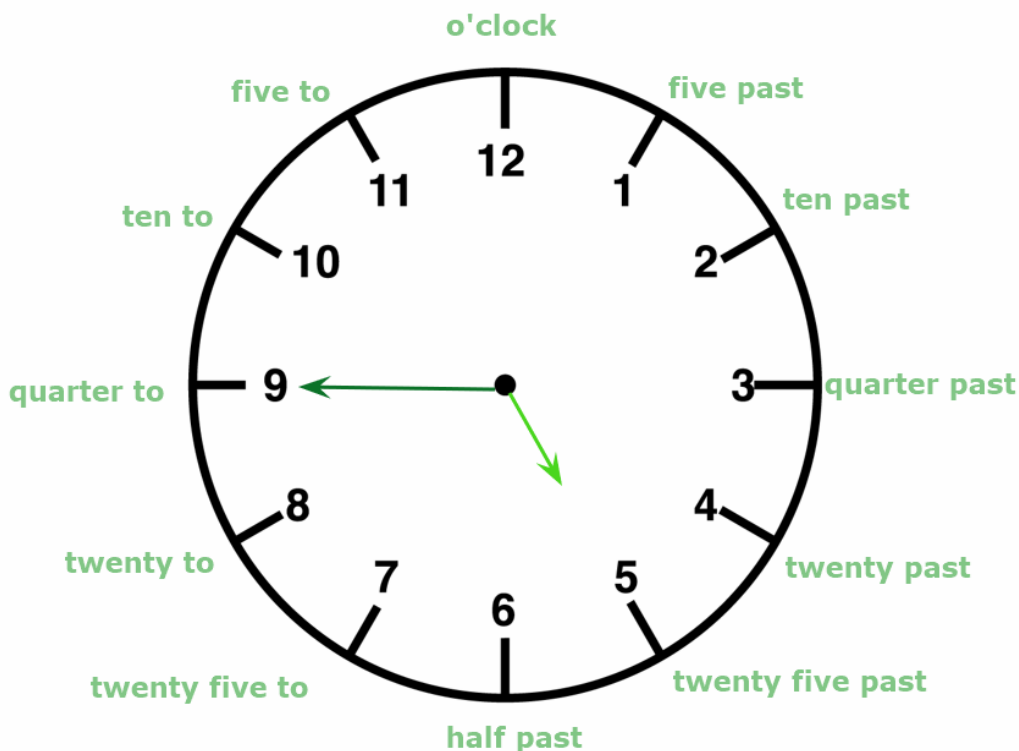
*1 man = 2 men, 1 woman = 3 women, 1 child = 4 children, 1 person = 5 people, 1 tooth = 6 teeth*



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

Translation	Singular	Plural	Translation	Singular	Plural
	desk	desks		library	libraries
	printer	printers		machine	machines
	boss	bosses		bus	buses
	activity	activities		box	boxes
	day	days		contact	contacts
	lunch	lunches		key	keys
	agenda	agendas		book	books
	secretary	secretaries		class	classes
	coach	coaches		item	items
	factory	factories		canteen	canteens
	lorry	lorries		laptop	laptops
	man	men		chair	chairs
	woman	women		child	children
	tooth	teeth		person	persons

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