THE NOUN PARADIGM /PART 2

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C- some other nouns are always singular although they end in (s). For example, (economics, linguistics, mathematics, politics, billiards, darts,...)

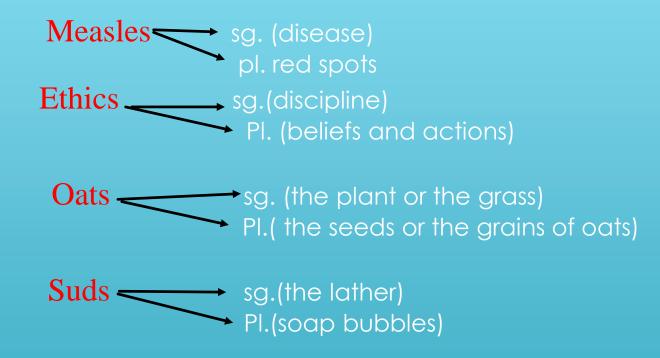
☐ They take (it) as a pronoun substitute and they go with the singular form of the verb.

Politics is a dirty game. It is the game of power.

☐ They occupy one position in the paradigm which is the stem.

The stem	Plural form	Singular possessive	Plural possessive
mathematics			

D- few other nouns end in (s) may be either singular or plural according to their meaning in context. These words include, measles, ethics, oats, suds



☐ According to their meaning in context, they might take singular or plural pronouns and they go with singular or plural verbs:

The ethics of journalism are much debated. (ethics (pl.)= actions and beliefs) Ethics deals with moral conduct. (ethics (sg.)= a discipline)

☐ These nouns can occupy two positions in the noun paradigm:

The stem	Plural form	Singular possessive	Plural possessive
oats	oats		