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NOUN PLURAL

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- It is easy to identify whether a noun is singular or plural if we have nouns like, mice, cards, elephant, children, cat,... the form of the word tells whether the noun is singular or plural.
- However, the form is not always helping because there are nouns which are singular although they end in (s) and there are nouns which are plural without ending in (s), so in order to identify the number of the noun in context, there are three helpful tests: the substitution test, the modifier and pronoun reference test, and the subject test



1- THE SUBSTITUTION TEST

- Singular nouns take (it, he/him, she/her, this/that) as pronoun substitutes while the plural nouns take (they/them, these, those) as pronoun substitutes.

- Have you seen **my glasses**?

Have you seen? **Them**

- You will study **linguistics** next year.

You will studynext year. **it**

- I like **tennis**.

I like **it**



2- MODIFIER AND PRONOUN REFERENCE TEST

- The number of the noun can be identified by modifiers like (several, many, this/that, these/ those, few, both, a/an, ...)
- Or by pronoun reference(his, him, her, its, their,...)
- The hunting party saw few **deer** this season.
- When I was a child, **Measles** covered all my body. I hate them.
- I like playing **billiards**. I know its rules.

Deer= pl.

Measles= pl.

Billiards= sg.



3- SUBJECT TEST

- When the noun is a subject of a sentence, its number is signaled by the following verb(especially in present simple, present perfect tense, past simple with (be), passive sentences,...)
- Ethics is a challenging subject. Ethics= sg.
- Pike usually live in fresh water. Pike= pl.
- Pliers are used for cutting wires and tapes. Pliers= pl.

