### COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

## **COUNTABLE NOUS**

- We can count them
- Can be singular or plural
- We usually simply add an « S »
- See chart for the rest.

## **UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS**

- We cannot count them because:
  - -They are too difficult to count
    - Ex: hair
  - -There are abstract
- They do NOT have a plural form.
- We do not use indefinite articles in front surch as a/an or numbers we rather use quantity words in front such as; a cup of, a bowl of...
- We cannot use many and few but we can use words like: some, much, a lot of ....

#### **NOUNS ENDING IN -O**

You can either add an -s or -es to words ending in O or sometimes they're spelled either way.

- If a word ends in a vowel + O then we sometimes add -s.
- Ex: radio/radios, stereo/stereos, video/videos
- If a words ends in consonant + O then we sometimes add -s or -es.
- No rules for this you just have to learn them or use a dictionary.
   kilo/kilos, zero/zeros, piano/pianos, photo/photos
   but hero/heroes, potato/potatoes, volcano/volcanoes, tomato/tomatoes.

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# HERE'S A LIST OF THE MOST COMMON NOUNS ENDING IN -O THAT ARE ALWAYS SPELLED WITH -ES IN THE PLURAL:

plural
buffaloes
dominoes
echoes
embargoes
heroes
mosquitoes
potatoes
tomatoes
torpedoes
vetoes

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OF THE COMMON
NOUNS ENDING
IN -O THAT CAN
BE SPELLED WITH
EITHER -S OR
-ES IN THE
PLURAL:

singular	plural
<u>banjo</u>	banjos <b>or</b> banjoes
cargo	cargos <b>or</b> cargoes
flamingo	flamingos <b>or</b> flamingoes
<u>fresco</u>	frescos <b>or</b> frescoes
<u>ghetto</u>	ghettos <b>or</b> ghettoes
<u>halo</u>	halos <b>or</b> haloes
mango	mangos <b>or</b> mangoes
memento	mementos <b>or</b> mementoes
motto	mottos <b>or</b> mottoes
tornado	tornados <b>or</b> tornadoes
tuxedo	tuxedos or tuxedoes
volcano	volcanos <b>or</b> volcanoes

# RULES FOR WORDS ENDING IN -F OR -FE

• With nouns that end in a consonant or a single vowel plus -f or -fe, change the -f or -fe to -ves:

EX: wife = wives, wolf = wolves

• Nouns which end in two vowels plus -f usually form plurals in the normal way, with just an -s

EX: proof = proofs

#### **NOUNS ENDING IN -F OR -FE**

Words ending in ff you just add -s to make the plural.

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cliff - cliffs
toff - toffs
scuff - scuffs
sniff - sniffs
Some words ending in f add s:
roof - roofs
chief - chiefs
oaf —oafs
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Some words can have both endings -ves or -s:

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scarf - scarfs/scarves
dwarf - dwarfs / dwarves
wharf - wharfs / wharves
handkerchief - handkerchiefs / handkerchieves
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#### **QUANTIFIERS**

Few vs Little vs A Few vs A Little

Few: not many

Little: not much Convey a negative idea

A few: Some

#### **COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS**

- Join 2 <u>INDEPENDANT</u> clauses together.
- Use a comma before the coordination conjunction.

- F:FOR
- A: AND
- N: NOR
- B: BUT
- O: OR
- Y: YET
- S: SO

#### **SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS**

- Some sentences are *complex*. Such sentences have *two* clauses, one **main**[or *independent*] and one **subordinate** [or *dependent*].
- The essential ingredient in a complex sentence is the subordinate conjunction:
- It joins a DEPENDANT CLAUSE with an INDEPENDANT CLAUSE

# COMMONLY USED SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS

After

Although

As

**Because** 

Before

Even if

Even though

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In order to

Once

Provided that

Rather than

Since

So that

Than

That

Though

Unless

Until

When

Whenever

Where

Whereas

Wherever

Whether

While

Why

#### **MODAL AUXILIARIES**

- Helping verbs or auxiliary verbs such as will, shall, may, might, can, could, must, ought to, should, would, used to, need are used with main verbs to express **shades of time and mood**.
- It is used to express: ability, possibility, permission or obligation.