**Plurals Lesson 2**

Revision

Use the rules that we looked at last week to complete these plurals.

1 a) ditch \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b) hoax \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) lorry \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d) leaf \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e) counter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f) piano \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

g) gas \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ h) potato \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Irregular plurals: Most nouns can be made plural by adding an –s or –es to the end of the word. However, some are irregular and do not follow the same rule.

These words do not follow the usual patterns:

child – children person – people man – men woman – women

ox – oxen goose – geese mouse – mice

Write the plural of these irregular nouns (use a dictionary to support your learning).

2 a) man \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ b) foot \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

c) person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d) appendix \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

e) mouse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ f) this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

g) ox \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ h) fungus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Zero plurals: These plurals are exactly the same as the singular noun.

aircraft fish headquarters sheep species

deer moose crossroads salmon barracks pike

Let us look at how ‘aircraft’ can be used in a sentence to show that it is singular and then in a different sentence to show that it is plural.

The aircraft was approaching the runway.

The aircraft were circling above the airport, queuing for the landing strip.

3. Circle the nouns which are zero plurals.

tadpole fleece moose jubilee spaghetti headquarters

office cooker tuna carpet network bison

4. Use these zero plurals in two sentences each. In one sentence use them as a singular noun and in the other as a plural noun.

a) crossroads \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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b) sheep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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c) furniture \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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d) species \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Use your own knowledge and a dictionary to list all the irregular and zero plurals you can find.

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