From Bus to Buses:
Instructional Activities
for adding -es

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Adding -es Word List

bench/benches  glass/glasses  watch/watches  
box/boxes  guess/guesses  wax/waxes  
brush/brushes  kiss/kisses  wish/wishes  
bus/buses  lash/lashes  witch/witches  
bush/bushes  lunch/lunches  yes/yeses  
buzz/buzzes  match/matches  
church/churches  mess/messes  
crash/crashes  patch/patches  
dish/dishes  peach/peaches  
dress/dresses  quiz/quizzes  
fix/fixes  ranch/ranches  
flash/flashes  speech/speeches  
fox/foxes  stitch/stitches
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**Cut and Paste: Adding -es**

- scratch
- splash
- buses
- witches
- bus
- scratches
- witch
- splashes
Cloze the Gap! (Adding -es)

Read each sentence below. Circle the correct spelling of the missing plural noun and write it in the space. (Note: If a word ends in ch, sh, x, ss, or s, you add -es to make it plural.) Reread each sentence to double check your choices. Does it look right?

1. Mom put two ham __________________________ in my lunch.
   sandwiches       sandwiches

2. I wash the __________________________ and my brother dries them.
   dishes           dishes

3. One of the school __________________________ was late this morning.
   buss              buses

4. We drink out of plastic __________________________ at our parties.
   glasses          glassses

5. The teacher said to put lunch________________________ by the door.
   boxes            boxes

6. Do you like the __________________________ in the school cafeteria?
   lunches          lunches

7. My brother collects gold pocket __________________________.
   watchs           watches

8. There's a rabbit hiding in the __________________________.
   bushes           bushes

9. We dressed as __________________________ for Halloween.
   witchs           witches

10. The __________________________ in the park are cold at night!
    benches          benches

11. We picked __________________________ at Grandpa's farm.
    peachs           peaches

12. How many __________________________ do we get?
    wishes           wishes
**Word Search: Add -es**

Look at the list of singular nouns in the word bank below. Find and circle the plural form of each in the word search. (Note: If a word ends in ch, sh, x, ss, or s, you add –es to make it plural.)

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**Word Bank:**
- fox
- brush
- kiss
- bus
- guess
- patch
- glass
- buzz
- ranch
- rash
- splash
- box
- mess
- bench
- bush
- stitch
- crash
- match
Crossword Puzzle: Add -es

Across
1. car accidents
3. bee sounds
5. gray powder left after a fire
6. poles used to walk with broken leg
8. throws water around in a pool
9. cardboard containers
10. long seats at a park or picnic table

Down
1. chews with a noisy sound
2. cloth belts
3. shrubs
4. sews
7. repairs or mends

Word Bank
crunches    benches    ashes    stitches    buzzes    boxes
crutches    splashes    bushes    crashes    sashes    fixes
Look at each picture and write a sentence in the space provided.

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teaches

lunches
marches

boxes

foxes
princesses

buzzes

scratches
reaches
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![Image of people on the beach](image1)
![Image of a bear with crutches](image2)
![Image of an elephant painting](image3)
stitches

glasses

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watches

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Adding -es Pictures and Words for Sorting

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- splashes
- couches
- witches
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- marches
- princesses
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