



CLASS 2 ENGLISH · 2026-27

Opposites and one-to-many words

Vocabulary

50

QUESTIONS

15

MINUTES

4

EXERCISES

This belongs to _____ Date _____

WHAT YOU'LL GET GOOD AT

- Gives the opposite of a common word
- Forms a plural by adding -s, and knows when -es is needed instead
- Recognises the plurals that follow no rule at all

Take your time, and have a go at every one. If you get stuck, look at the orange box — Ollie has already done one for you.

Opposites and one-to-many words

Vocabulary · 50 questions · tick each box as you finish

Exercise 1 of 4 · 16 questions Write the opposite of each word.



WRITE THE ANSWER

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

hot -> cold. An opposite is not just a different word, it is the other end of the same idea. Hot and cold are both about temperature. Hot and wet are both weather words but they are not opposites, so ask 'the other end of what?' before answering.

1) hot

2) big

3) day

4) up

5) open

6) fast

7) happy

8) old

9) full

10) clean

11) near

12) hard

13) wet

14) high

15) buy

16) remember

Exercise 2 of 4 · 12 questions Write the plural. All of these just take -s.

WRITE THE ANSWER

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

book -> books. One book, two books. Nothing else changes. Start here so the -es words in the next exercise feel like the exception, which is what they are.

1) book

2) pen

3) table

4) bird

5) flower

6) hand

7) shoe

8) river

9) cloud

10) door

11) toy

12) boy

Exercise 3 of 4 · 12 questions These need -es or a change before the -s. Write the plural.

WRITE THE ANSWER

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

box -> boxes, not boxs. Say boxs aloud - it cannot be said. That is the whole reason for -es: words ending in x, s, sh or ch need the extra sound. For baby -> babies, the y becomes i first. Saying it aloud settles almost every one of these.

1) box

2) bus

3) brush

4) watch

5) glass

6) dress

7) baby

8) city

9) story

10) lady

11) leaf

12) knife

Exercise 4 of 4 · 10 questions These follow no rule. Write the plural.

WRITE THE ANSWER

HERE'S ONE DONE FOR YOU

child -> children, not childs and not childrens. These ten have to be remembered rather than worked out, so treat them as spellings, not as grammar. Sheep and fish do not change at all - one sheep, ten sheep.

1) child

2) man

3) woman

4) foot

5) tooth

6) mouse

7) sheep

8) fish

9) ox

10) goose

**All done? How did that feel?**

Colour in a star. Three stars means you could teach it to someone else.



Tricky · Getting there · Easy now



Answer key

For grown-ups

Opposites and one-to-many words · keep this page back until your child has finished.

1. Write the opposite of each word.

- 1) cold
- 2) small
- 3) night
- 4) down
- 5) shut or close
- 6) slow
- 7) sad
- 8) new or young
- 9) empty
- 10) dirty
- 11) far
- 12) soft or easy
- 13) dry
- 14) low
- 15) sell
- 16) forget

2. Write the plural. All of these just take -s.

- 1) books
- 2) pens
- 3) tables
- 4) birds
- 5) flowers
- 6) hands
- 7) shoes
- 8) rivers
- 9) clouds
- 10) doors
- 11) toys
- 12) boys

3. These need -es or a change before the -s. Write the plural.

- 1) boxes
- 2) buses
- 3) brushes
- 4) watches
- 5) glasses
- 6) dresses
- 7) babies
- 8) cities
- 9) stories
- 10) ladies
- 11) leaves
- 12) knives

4. These follow no rule. Write the plural.

- 1) children
- 2) men
- 3) women
- 4) feet
- 5) teeth
- 6) mice
- 7) sheep (no change)
- 8) fish (no change)
- 9) oxen
- 10) geese

WHILE YOUR CHILD WORKS

- For opposites, accept any correct alternative. Shut and close are both the opposite of open, and marking one wrong teaches a child that there is a secret list.
- The -es rule is best taught by ear, not by list. Ask your child to say 'boxs' aloud - they will hear why it needs the extra sound.
- Childrens and mens are the two most common errors of this year. They come from applying the rule twice, which means the rule is understood - just say the correct form and move on.

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