Some nouns have special plural forms.

Calves  lice  children  feet  geese
Gentlemen  leaves  potatoes  knives  halves
Mice  wives  thieves  heroes  tomatoes
Lives  men  women  oxen  teeth

Look in the above box for the plural form of each singular noun. Write it on the line provided.

1. man
2. child
3. woman
4. life
5. calf
6. thief
7. potato
8. goose
9. ox
10. wife
11. foot
12. hero
13. tooth
14. gentleman
15. knife
16. tomato
17. mouse
18. louse
19. leaf
20. half
• Some nouns have special plural forms.
• A few nouns have the same singular and plural forms.

Read each sentence. Draw a line under the word in parentheses that is the correct plural form.

1. Chinese (factoryes, factories) produced lots of paper.
2. Wheelbarrows, invented in China, were compared to wooden [oxes, oxen].
3. Chinese inventors experimented with magnetism by placing iron (fish, fishes) in water.
4. The first kites floated through the air like (leafs, leaves).
5. I wonder who first realized it’s a good idea to brush your (tooths, teeth)?
6. Magicians placed pieces of lodestone into the (bellys, bellies) of wooden turtles.
7. A member of the Chinese court invented a machine to predict (earthquakes, earthquaks).
8. I didn’t know the Chinese had made (compassies, compasses).
9. I think of inventors as (heroes, heros).
10. What different (specieeses, species) of animals come from China?
11. These inventions have changed many people’s (lives, lifes).
12. (Tomatoes, Tomatos) come with the meal.
A. Write yes if the noun below has the same singular and plural forms. Write no if the noun does not have the same singular and plural forms.

1. ship  
2. deer  
3. calf  
4. species  
5. moose  
6. ox  
7. half  
8. shrimp  

B. Complete each sentence with the plural form of the singular noun in parentheses.

9. Two baby (calf)  
10. Which of the inventors were (woman)  
11. It is easier for (child)  to learn a new language than it is for adults to learn one.  
12. King Henry VIII had many (wife)  
13. There were a few (mouse)  under the stove in the kitchen.  
14. The (thief)  were soon caught.  
15. My (foot)  are so tired.  
16. That dog has plenty of (louse)  .