



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 66 – Trains–buses (singular and plural)



Trains – buses (singular and plural)

A DANH TỪ SỐ ÍT VÀ DANH TỪ SỐ NHIỀU

The plural of a noun is usually **-s**:
singular (= one) → *plural* (= two or more)
 a flower → some **flowers**
 a train → two **trains**
 one week → a few **weeks**
 a nice place → some nice **places**
 this student → these **students**



Spelling

-s / -sh / -ch / -x	→ -es	bus → buses	dish → dishes
		church → churches	box → boxes
	<i>also</i>	potato → potatoes	tomato → tomatoes
-y	→ -ies	baby → babies	dictionary → dictionaries
<i>but</i> -ay / -ey / -oy	-ys	day → days	monkey → monkeys
-f / -fe	→ -ves	shelf → shelves	knife → knives
			wife → wives
			party → parties
			boy → boys

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B CÁC DANH TỪ LUÔN Ở HÌNH THỨC SỐ NHIỀU

These things are plural



scissors

glasses

trousers

jeans

shorts

tights

pajamas

- Ex1: Do you wear **glasses**?
- Ex2: Where are the **scissors**? I need them.

You can also say **a pair of scissors** / **a pair of trousers** / **a pair of pajamas** etc.:

- Ex3: I need a new **pair of jeans**, or I need **some new jeans**, (not a new jeans)

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C CÁC TRƯỜNG HỢP NGOẠI LỆ

Some plurals *do not* end in -s:

this **man** → these **men**

a **woman** → some **women**

a **child** → many **children**

one **foot** → two **feet**

a **tooth** → all my **teeth**

a **mouse** → some **mice**

that **sheep** → those **sheep**

a **fish** → a lot of **fish**

also

a **person** → two **people** / some **people** / a lot of **people** etc.:

- Ex4: **She's** a nice **person**.

but

- Ex5: **They** are nice **people**, (not nice persons)

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D CÁC TRƯỜNG HỢP KHÁC

People is plural (= they), so we say **people are / people have** etc.:

- Ex6: **A lot of people speak** English, (not speaks)
- Ex7: I like the people here. **They are** very friendly.

Police is plural:

- Ex8: **The police want** to talk to anybody who saw the accident, (not The police wants)