**Making Nouns Plural**

Just like we do in English, to make a noun in French plural you add the letter ‘s’ e.g.

* the cat-> the cats
* le chat-> les chats
* la fille-> les filles
* l’oncle-> les oncles

However, you must learn these rules:

1. You cannot add ‘s’ to a noun that ends with ‘s/ z/ x’

e.g. le bras (the arm)-> les bras (the arms)

le nez (the nose)-> les nez (the noses)

la voix (the voice)-> les voix (the voices)

1. Nouns ending in ‘al’ change to ‘aux’

e.g. le journal (the newspaper)-> les journaux (the newspapers)

1. Nouns ending in ‘eau’ or ‘eu’ add the letter ‘x’

e.g. le bureau (the office)-> les bureaux (the offices)

le jeu (the game)-> les jeux (the games)

**LES EXERCISES**

1. **Remplissez la table:**

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| **English** | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| 1. The mother | La mère |  |
| 1. The step | Le pas |  |
| 1. The answer | La réponse |  |
| 1. The hotel | L’hôtel |  |
| 1. The suitcase | La valise |  |
| 1. The meal | Le repas |  |
| 1. The castle | Le château |  |
| 1. The animal | L’animal |  |
| 1. The hole | Le trou |  |
| 1. The nut | La noix |  |

1. **Mettez les phrases au pluriel:**
2. Le trou dans le jardin est grand
3. Le clou est bien enfoncé dans le bois
4. Mon animal de compagnie est très affectueux
5. Le pneu est à plat
6. Le problème social est partout
7. Le match final est violent
8. L’homme assis derrière toi est fou
9. Le repas dans ce restaurant est délicieux
10. Je lis le journal international en vacances
11. J’adore le beau château
12. **Traduisez en français**
13. There are a lot of social problems in my area
14. The original prices, before the reduction, are indicated on the tags
15. I have memory loss during exams (use memory holes)
16. Music festivals in France are crazy
17. The Olympic games of 2012 were an inspiration for everyone
18. I have long brown, curly hair
19. Elderly people often feel alone
20. My brothers are active
21. The united nations intervene in very delicate situations
22. The lessons were terribly boring
23. The public gardens are very busy when it is warm
24. The little birds have very soft voices
25. Their grand-mothers are kind
26. The walls of his sitting room are purple
27. The international governments re-unite (se réunir) in order to resolve important problems
28. The lessons are very long and boring
29. The black cats are on the chair
30. The girls are always friendly
31. The houses are situated (situé) in the countryside
32. The irish girls always talk in the geography classes
33. My parents are very welcoming and nice
34. I have lots of expensive jewellery in my bedroom
35. I cannot stand fireworks, they are too dangerous and a waste of money, in my opinion
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