

# Irregular Plurals

**FOCUS** **Irregular plurals** do not follow the usual pattern.

- Some words, such as *deer* and *shrimp*, have the same singular and plural forms.
- Some words, such as *goose*, change spelling in the plural form. In the plural form, *goose* becomes *geese*.

Examples: *crisis*, *crises*      *cactus*, *cacti*

**PRACTICE** Sort each word from the box under the correct heading.

children  
sheep

teeth  
mice

fish  
women

**Words with the same singular and plural forms.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Words with spelling changes for the plural form.**

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLY** Read each singular noun. Circle the correct irregular plural form of the noun. (Remember: Some words have the same singular and plural forms.)

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|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 7. person:        | persons      | people      |
| 8. tuna:          | tuna         | tunas       |
| 9. foot:          | foot         | feet        |
| 10. species:      | specieases   | species     |
| 11. elk:          | elk          | elks        |
| 12. child:        | childs       | children    |
| 13. salmon:       | salmons      | salmon      |
| 14. headquarters: | headquarters | headquarter |
| 15. ox:           | oxens        | oxen        |
| 16. trout:        | trout        | trouts      |