

Spelling Rule Exceptions for Plural Nouns: Words That End in O



A plural noun means more than one. The word *toy* means one toy; the word *toys* means more than one toy. To make an English noun plural, we usually (but not always!) add an *s* to the end of the noun. Words that end in the letter *o* are different. If the word ends in an *o* following a vowel, we usually add an *s*. If the word ends in an *o* following a consonant, we sometimes add *-es*, and we sometimes add *s*. A writer has to learn which one to use or look it up in the dictionary.

Example: potato potatoes
radio radios

Read each word very carefully. Write the plural form of each of the following nouns.

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| 1. studio | _____ | 9. zoo | _____ |
| 2. two | _____ | 10. hero | _____ |
| 3. tomato | _____ | 11. bamboo | _____ |
| 4. video | _____ | 12. piano | _____ |
| 5. silo | _____ | 13. echo | _____ |
| 6. photo | _____ | 14. kangaroo | _____ |
| 7. patio | _____ | 15. veto | _____ |
| 8. kilo | _____ | 16. rodeo | _____ |