

Grammar Practice

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Primary



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PREFACE

GRAMMAR PRACTICE for Primary 4 (2nd Edition) is specially prepared to meet the English grammar practice needs of pupils. The exercises are designed to sharpen pupils' English grammar skills.

The section labelled 'Teaching Points' provides pupils with the foundational knowledge needed for the respective chapters. The exercises are divided into three graded levels to test and develop pupils' proficiency as they work through each chapter. Level 1 is a basic exercise that consists of mainly filling in or underlining words. Level 2 provides more independent practice and Level 3 offers practice of the grammar item concerned with longer texts.

All of these exercises are strategically designed to enable the learner to pick up correct grammar usage even when working independently or under minimal supervision.

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SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS (REGULAR AND IRREGULAR)

Teaching Points

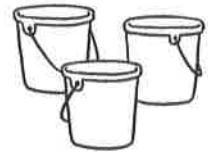
The plural forms of nouns are formed in a few ways.

By adding 's' to a singular noun.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
blanket	blankets
chair	chairs
grape	grapes
pail	pails



pail



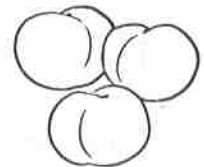
pails

By adding 'es' to a singular noun ending in 's', 'sh', 'ch' or 'x'.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
box	boxes
brush	brushes
class	classes
peach	peaches



peach



peaches

By adding 'es' to a singular noun ending in 'o'.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
zero	zeroes
potato	potatoes
tomato	tomatoes



tomato



tomatoes

By removing the 'y' at the end of a singular noun and adding 'ies'.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
cherry	cherries
family	families
housefly	houseflies

By changing the 'f' or 'fe' at the end of a singular noun to 'ves'.

Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns
calf	calves
life	lives
thief	thieves
wife	wives

Exercise LEVEL 1

Underline the correct word in the brackets in each sentence.

1. The two (hero, heroes) in the film know the art of self-defence.
2. They want to reduce the number of (mosquito, mosquitoes) in the area.
3. The (tomato, tomatoes) in the box are rotten.
4. Many (life, lives) were lost in the flood.
5. His (child, children) left him as soon as they were old enough.
6. A (fox, foxes) stole a chick from the farm.
7. He did not brush his (tooth, teeth) carefully.
8. The (man, men) queue up in a line.

9. Her (hobby, hobbies) is making dolls.
10. Their (enemy, enemies) were waiting to attack them at midnight.

Exercise LEVEL 2

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in the brackets.

1. These _____ (mango) are not ripe enough to eat.
2. There are several _____ (mouse) in that nest.
3. The _____ (woman) over there are selling souvenirs.
4. A _____ (deer) can run very swiftly.
5. This baker sells fresh _____ (loaf).
6. He pressed a heart-shaped _____ (leaf) between the pages of an old book.
7. He collects _____ (butterfly) and frames them.
8. Every year, we have a _____ (party) on Christmas Eve.
9. The artist cleans his _____ (brush) carefully before packing them away.
10. Which _____ (school) do you and your siblings go to?
11. The workers cut away the _____ (branch) that were obstructing the path.
12. These _____ (box) are made of steel.
13. Let us cut this cake into _____ (half).
14. Which of these _____ (pencil) is yours?

15. The old man put both his _____ (foot) in a basin of warm water.

Exercise LEVEL 3

Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word in the brackets.

There was once an old 1. _____ (lady) who loved to tell us strange 2. _____ (story). One day, she told us about a place called Shangri-La. She said in Shangri-La there was a large pond where colourful 3. _____ (lily) grew in abundance. What was strange was that little 4. _____ (baby) lived in them! Each 5. _____ (baby) had a pair of wings on its back. They were such happy 6. _____ (baby)! At sunset, they danced and sang with the 7. _____ (fairy) and 8. _____ (elf) that lived at the edge of the pond. Sometimes, they would tease the 9. _____ (dragonfly) that went near them.

The old 10. _____ (lady) ended her 11. _____ (story) by saying, "If you are good, these 12. _____ (baby) with wings will visit you in your dreams."