

Plurals song

To make a word mean more than one, just add an *s*, I've known.
Dog to dogs and cat to cats-it's what I've always done.
But other words don't use this rule; they have rules of their own.
Listen and you'll soon know when you don't add *s* alone.

Oh words that end in *s* and *x*, *sh*, *ch*, or *z*....
Before you add the letter *s*, you need to add an *e*
To bus, and kiss, and fox, and mix, and bush, and peach, and fizz...
You need to add *es* to these as anyone can see.

If words end with the letter *y*, 2 different rules apply.
It all depends on what... letter comes before the *y*.
A vowel right before the *y*, you only add an *s*,
Words like monkey, toy and boy get *s*, no more, no less.

But if a consonant's before the *y*, this rule... I will stress,
You change the *y* to *i* and then you add an *e* and *s*.
Party, berriy, baby too, and other words like these,
Become parties, berries, babies, as you... can see.

Words that end in letter *o*, you have to learn each one.
Some of them get *e* and *s*, but others *s* alone.
Pianos, hippos, radios..., studios, and photos...
Tomatoes, heroes, mosquitoes, potatoes, echoes, and volcanoes!

Some words that end in letter *f*, you change the *f* to *v*...
And then you add an *es*, too, to make a lot of these.
Elf to elves and leaf to leaves, and thief to thieves you change...
But that's not all you do to *f*, this rule is kind of strange.

Other *f*'s you leave alone, and just add on an *s*.
You'll need to learn which *f*'s to change, or else you'll need to guess.
Roof to roofs and chief to chiefs and handkerchiefs, too.
so if words end with letter *f*, now you know what to do.

(To the tune of Yankee Doodle)