

How Are French Plurals Formed?

Worksheet

Most French nouns form the plural by adding -s to the singular form. Nouns ending in -au, -eau, -eux, and certain -al words change to -aux.

Questions

1. What is the plural of 'une maison' (a house)?
A) maisons
B) maison
C) maisone
D) maisond
2. Nouns ending in -x, -z, -s in singular are also:
A) made plural by adding -s
B) identical in plural form
C) changed to -x
D) made plural by adding -es
3. What is the plural of 'un choix' (a choice)?
A) choixs
B) choix
C) choixes
D) choixx
4. How do -eux words change in plural?
A) add -s
B) they don't change
C) add -x
D) change to -ense
5. What is the plural of 'le livre' (the book)?
6. What is the plural of 'le bureau' (the desk)?
7. What is the plural of 'le général' (the general)?
8. Define: What do most French nouns add for plural?
9. Define: Nouns ending in -eau become plural how?
10. Define: What happens to -al nouns?

Answer Key

1. A) maisons — Maison ends in -on; add -s → maisons.
2. B) identical in plural form — These letters already mark plurality — no change needed.
3. B) choix — Choix ends in -x, so it stays the same: choix.
4. B) they don't change — -eux words are already plural in form: un jeu, des jeux.
5. Rule: most nouns add -s livre (ends in -e) → add -s Plural: les livres
6. Rule: nouns ending in -eau add -x bureau → change to -x Plural: les bureaux
7. Rule: -al → -aux général (ends in -al) → change to -aux Plural: les généraux
8. They add -s to the singular form: chat → chats.
9. They add -x instead of -s: bureau → bureaux.
10. Most change -al to -aux: mal → maux, général → généraux.

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