

CHEAT SHEET

How to Form the Plural of Any French Noun

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GENERAL RULE to form the plural form of most nouns, simply add an 's'

SINGULAR		PLURAL
une banane (a banana)	→	des bananes <u> </u> (bananas)
une chaise (a chair)		des chaises <u> </u> (chairs)

EXCEPTIONS #1 to form the plural form of most nouns ending with -au, -eau or -eu, (and for some words ending with -ou) add an 'x'

une gâteau (a cake)	→	des gâteaux <u> </u> (cakes)
une chou (a cabbage)		des choux <u> </u> (cabbages)

EXCEPTIONS #2 to form the plural form of most nouns ending with -al, -ail: change the ending to 'aux'

un cheval (a horse)



des chevauxx (horses)

This exception has some exceptions of its own!

un festival (a festival)



des festivals (festivals)

EXCEPTIONS #3 to form the plural form of most nouns ending with -s, -x, -z, change nothing!

un prixx (a price)



des prixx (prices)

un brass (an arm)

des brass (arms)

ODD WORDS some words don't follow the rule or the exceptions!

un oeil (an eye)



des yeux (eyes)

