

Handbook of Style

Plurals

The plurals of English words are regularly formed by the addition of the suffix -s or -es to the singular, as

- < dog ∅ dogs >
- < grass ∅ grasses >
- < race ∅ races >
- < dish ∅ dishes >
- < guy ∅ guys >
- < buzz ∅ buzzes >
- < monarch ∅ monarchs >
- < branch ∅ branches >

The plurals of words that follow other patterns, as

- < army ∅ armies >
- < phenomenon ∅ phenomena >
- < duo ∅ duos >
- < libretto ∅ librettos *or* libret >
- < ox ∅ oxen >
- < curriculum ∅ curricula *also* curriculums >
- < foot ∅ feet >
- < alga ∅ algae >
- < p. ∅ pp. >
- < corpus delicti ∅ corpora delict >
- < sheep ∅ sheep >
- < sergeant major ∅ sergeants major *or* sergeant majors >

are given at the appropriate vocabulary entries in the main body of the dictionary.

Additional information on the treatment of plurals in this dictionary may be found in the **Explanatory Notes** section of the front matter.