



Lecture:3

English nouns with only a plural nouns

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Nouns that only have a plural form

- Certain English nouns only have a plural forms.
- The form is **always** plural.

- There are 3 types of nouns where the form is always plural:
 1. Certain articles of clothing.
 2. Certain tools or instruments.
 3. Other types.

Let's look at each type in detail.

1) Certain articles of clothing

Trousers

pyjamas

tights

shorts

knickers

pants

I like your trousers. ✓

I like your trousers. ✗

where are my shorts? ✓

where are my shorts? ✗

where is my shorts? ✗

2) Certain tools or instruments.

Binoculars

scissors

glasses

headphones

sunglasses

Can I borrow your headphones? ✓

Can I borrow your headphone? ✗

Where did you buy your sunglasses? ✓

Where did you buy your sunglass? ✗

1) Certain articles of clothing

- Trousers knickers
- Shorts pants
- Pyjamas tights

2) Certain tools and instruments

- binoculars glasses
- scissors sunglasses
- headphones

We use the following structure for **ONE** unit (singular)

“ pair of ” + noun

I need a pair of shorts. ✓

I need a short. ✗

I need a shorts. ✗

I only have one pair of glasses. ✓

I only have one glass. ✗

I only have one glasses. ✗

1) Certain articles of clothing

- Trousers knickers
- Shorts pants
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- headphones

We use the following structure for **several** units (plural)

“ **pair of** ” + **noun**

I am going to buy 3 **pairs of shorts**. ✓

I am going to buy 3 shorts. ✗

Here are lots of **pairs of tights**. ✓

3) Other nouns with only a plural form

Belongings

=personal things that belong to you .(bag , hat , glasses , scarf)

Teacher:Do not leave your belongings in the classroom .

savings

=Money in your bank account .

(you are saving the money for the future.)

I spent my **savings** on a new car.

3) Other nouns with only a plural form (part2)

clothes

= general word for a collection of articles of clothing.

His clothes are dirty .

stairs

To go to the first floor , you can take the stairs.