

Singular and Plural



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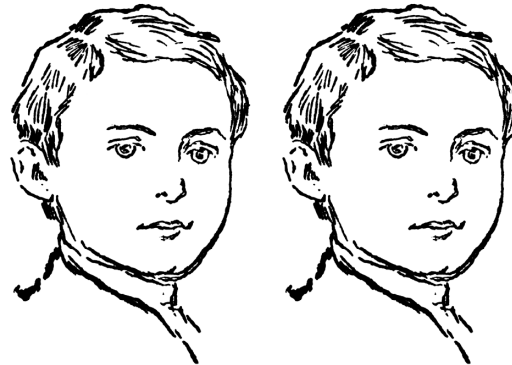
Topi-aan

Masculine nouns ending in vowels

Singular



Plural



Aik larka-**a** *one boy* Dou lark-**ey** *two boys*

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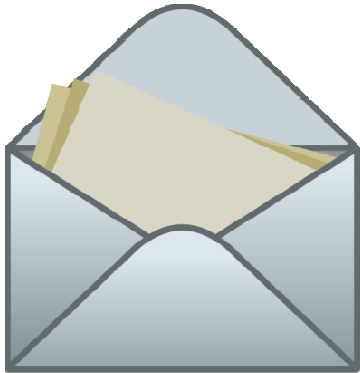
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lark- a	<i>boy</i>	lark- ey	<i>boys</i>
takiy- ah	<i>pillow</i>	takiy- ey	<i>pillows</i>
bet- a	<i>son</i>	bet- ey	<i>sons</i>
kamr- ah	<i>room</i>	kamr- ey	<i>rooms</i>
darvaz- ah	<i>door</i>	darvaz- ey	<i>doors</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
piyal- ah	<i>bowl</i>	_____	<i>bowls</i>
tar- ah	<i>star</i>	_____	<i>stars</i>
tot- a	<i>parrot</i>	_____	<i>parrots</i>
bachch- ah	<i>kid</i>	_____	<i>kids</i>
kapr- a	<i>cloth</i>	_____	<i>clothes</i>

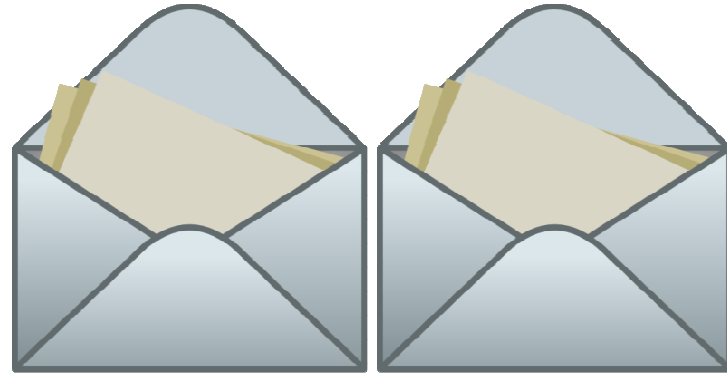
Masculine nouns ending in consonants

Singular



Aik khat *one letter*

Plural



Dou khat *two letters*

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Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
aik phooldan	<i>one flowerpot</i>	dou phooldan	<i>two flowerpots</i>
aik qalam	<i>one pen</i>	dou qalam	<i>two pens</i>
aik gulaab	<i>one rose</i>	dou gulaab	<i>two roses</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
aik glass	<i>one glass</i>	_____	<i>two glasses</i>
aik oont	<i>one camel</i>	_____	<i>two camels</i>
aik jaanvar	<i>one animal</i>	_____	<i>two animals</i>

Number agreement with adjectives

Masculine adjective 'a'/'ah'

- The adjectives ending on vowels change in the same manner with the noun
 - Peela patta (*The yellow leaf*)
 - Peeley pattey (*The yellow leaves*)

Masculine adjective consonant

- The adjectives ending on consonant do not change in plural
 - Sufaid patta (*The white leaf*)
 - Sufaid pattey (*The white leaves*)

Wahid <i>Singular</i>	Jama <i>plural</i>	Wahid <i>Singular</i>	Jama <i>plural</i>
sokh-a poud-a <i>dry plant</i>	sokh-ey poud-ey <i>dry plants</i>	goul guml-a <i>round flowerpot</i>	goul guml-ey <i>round flowerpots</i>
bar-a takiy-ah <i>big pillow</i>	bar-ey takiy-ey <i>big pillows</i>	naram takiy-ah <i>soft pillow</i>	naram takiy-ey <i>soft pillows</i>

Number agreement with verbs

- The verbs change in the same manner with the noun
 - Peela **a** patta **a** gira **a** (*The yellow leaf fell*)
 - Pee**ey** patte**ey** gire**ey** (*The yellow leaves fell*)

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
lark- a ro- ya	<i>boy cries</i>	lark- ey ro- ey	<i>boys cry</i>
takiy- ah gir- a	<i>pillow drops</i>	takiy- ey gir- ey	<i>pillows drop</i>
darvaz- ah khul- a	<i>door opens</i>	darvaz- ey khul- ey	<i>doors open</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
puran- a kapr- a	<i>old cloth</i>	_____	<i>old clothes</i>
pakk- a kel- a	<i>ripe banana</i>	_____	<i>ripe bananas</i>
patt- a gir- a	<i>leaf falls</i>	_____	<i>leaves fall</i>
lark- a dor- a	<i>boy runs</i>	_____	<i>boys run</i>
bachch- a khel- a	<i>child plays</i>	_____	<i>children play</i>

Feminine Nouns ending in vowels

Singular



Aik lark-**i** *one girl*

Plural



Dou lark-**ian** *two girls*

If a singular feminine noun ends in ‘i’ sound, the plural is made by adding the ‘an’ sound at the end

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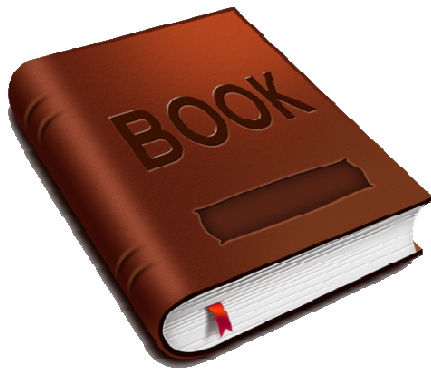
Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
lark-i	<i>girl</i>	lark-ian	<i>girls</i>
kurs-i	<i>chair</i>	kurs-ian	<i>chairs</i>
almar-i	<i>cupboard</i>	almar-ian	<i>cupboards</i>
khirk-i	<i>window</i>	khirk-ian	<i>windows</i>
ghar-i	<i>clock</i>	ghar-ian	<i>clocks</i>
top-i	<i>cap</i>	top-ian	<i>caps</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
kahan- i	<i>story</i>	_____	<i>stories</i>
titl- i	<i>butterfly</i>	_____	<i>butterflies</i>
mool- i	<i>radish</i>	_____	<i>radishes</i>
murgh- i	<i>chicken</i>	_____	<i>chickens</i>
choor- i	<i>bangle</i>	_____	<i>bangles</i>

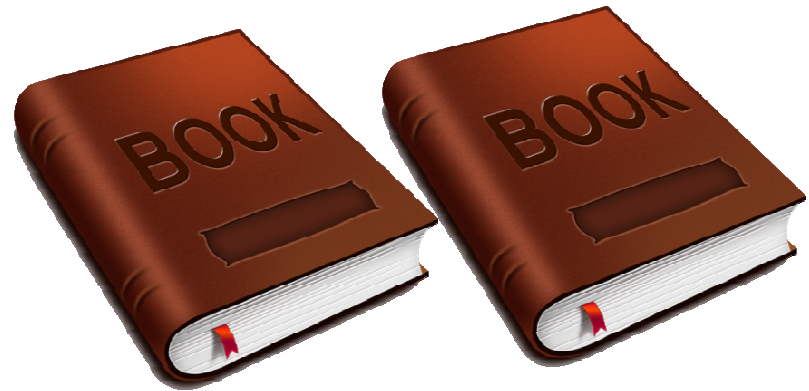
Feminine Nouns ending in consonants

Singular



Aik kitab *one book*

Plural



Dou kitab-**ain** *two books*

**If a singular feminine noun does not end in 'i' sound,
the plural is made by adding the 'ain' sound at the end**

Feminine Nouns ending in consonants

If a singular feminine noun does not end in 'i' sound, the plural is made by adding the 'ain' sound at the end

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
sarak	<i>road</i>	sarak-ain	<i>roads</i>
meiz	<i>table</i>	meiz-ain	<i>tables</i>
deevar	<i>wall</i>	deevar-ain	<i>walls</i>
gaind	<i>ball</i>	gaind -ain	<i>balls</i>
tasveer	<i>picture</i>	tasveer-ain	<i>pictures</i>
pencil	<i>pencil</i>	pencil-ain	<i>pencils</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
plate	<i>plate</i>	_____	<i>plates</i>
mirch	<i>chili</i>	_____	<i>chilis</i>
shaam	<i>evening</i>	_____	<i>evenings</i>
raat	<i>night</i>	_____	<i>nights</i>
chaadar	<i>sheet</i>	_____	<i>sheets</i>

Number agreement with adjectives

- The adjective for feminine noun does not change in the plural form and remains singular

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
bar- i kurs- i	<i>big chair</i>	bar- i kursi- ian	<i>big chairs</i>
lamb- i sarak	<i>long road</i>	lamb- i sarak- ain	<i>long roads</i>
ach- i kitab	<i>good book</i>	ach- i kitab- ain	<i>good books</i>

Number agreement with verbs

- The verb ending from (i) in singular changes to 'een' in plural.

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
hawa chal- i	<i>wind blows</i>	hawa- ain chal- een	<i>winds blow</i>
top- i gir- i	<i>cap drops</i>	top- ian gir- een	<i>caps drop</i>
kitab parh- i	<i>read book</i>	Kitab- ain parh- een	<i>read books</i>

Practice

Wahid	<i>Singular</i>	Jama	<i>plural</i>
teiz chhur- i	<i>sharp knife</i>	_____	<i>sharp knives</i>
ach- i kahan- i	<i>good story</i>	_____	<i>good stories</i>
chhot- i meiz	<i>small table</i>	_____	<i>small tables</i>
bill- i dor- i	<i>cat runs</i>	_____	<i>cats run</i>
titl- i ur- i	<i>butterfly flees</i>	_____	<i>butterflies flee</i>
gaind gir- i	<i>ball drops</i>	_____	<i>balls drop</i>

Noun

	Singular	Plural
Masculine 'a'/'ah'	change the 'a' or 'h' sound to 'ey' larka- a <i>boy</i>	 lark- ey <i>boys</i>
Masculine consonant	no change in the plural khat <i>letter</i>	khat <i>letters</i>
Feminine 'i'	add the 'an' sound at the end lark- i <i>girl</i>	lark- ian <i>girls</i>
Feminine consonant	add the 'ain' sound at the end kitab <i>book</i>	Kitab- ain <i>books</i>

Adjective

	Singular	Plural
Masculine adjective 'a'/'ah'	change the 'a' or 'h' sound to 'ey' ach- a larka- a <i>good boy</i>	ach- ey lark- ey <i>good boys</i>
Masculine adjective consonant	no change in the plural sufaid kalam <i>white pen</i>	sufaid kalam <i>white pens</i>
Feminine adjective 'i'	no change in the plural ach- i lark- i <i>good girl</i>	ach- i lark- ian <i>good girls</i>
Feminine adjective consonant	no change in the plural goul meiz <i>round table</i>	goul meiz- ain <i>round tables</i>

Verb

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	change the 'a' or 'h' sound to 'ey' lark- a ro- ya <i>boy cries</i>	 lark- ey ro- ey <i>boys cry</i>
Feminine	change the 'i' sound to 'een' top- i gir- i <i>cap drops</i>	 top- ian gir- een <i>caps drop</i>

Practice

Translate the following words in Urdu

red butterflies

small pillows

hot plates

fresh fruits

girls cry

spoons drop

glasses break

black clouds
