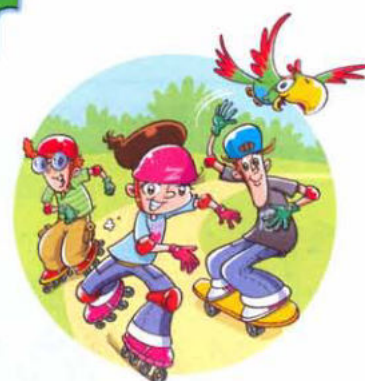


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a/an, plural nouns



Hello, children. Look at Brian's paintings.



A green basketball?



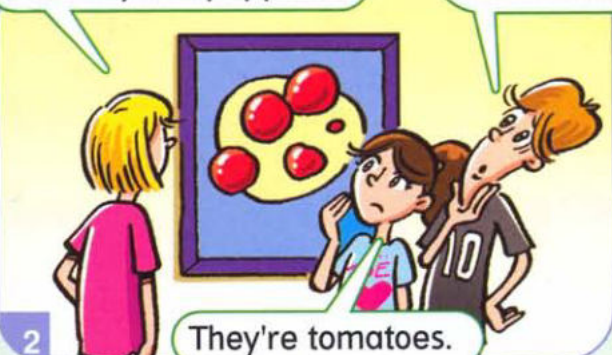
No, a green pepper!



Is it an iguana?

Oh, no! It's Corky!

Are they red peppers?



... or strawberries?

They're tomatoes.



It's an awful painting!



Corky! Stop it!

Brian isn't a good artist!

Regular plurals

	Singular	Plural
Most nouns	pepper bus	peppers iguanas
Nouns ending in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o	bus glass tomato	buses glasses tomatoes
BUT	photo	photos
Nouns ending in vowel + -y	toy	toys
Nouns ending in consonant + -y	strawberry	strawberries

We use *a* before words beginning with a consonant: *a friend*, *a bird*.

We use *an* before words beginning with a vowel: *an iguana*, *an artist*.

There are no articles for plural words: *peppers*, *iguanas*, *three books*.



► Look at the spelling rules on page 108.

1 Circle the correct word.

1 a / an painting

2 a / an insect

3 a / an orange

4 a / an basketball

5 a / an elephant

6 a / an toy

7 a / an apple

8 a / an shirt

2 Write a, an or -.


1 a book, three books, an open book

2 iguana, small iguana, four iguanas

3 two apples, green apple, apple

4 painting, six paintings, awful painting

3 Count and write the plural. Add -s or -es.

1 house  two houses 5 bush 2 box  three 6 sandwich 3 banana  7 tomato 4 photo  8 window 

4 Count and write the plural. Add -s or -ies.

1 boy four boys

2 ferry

3 strawberry

4 toy

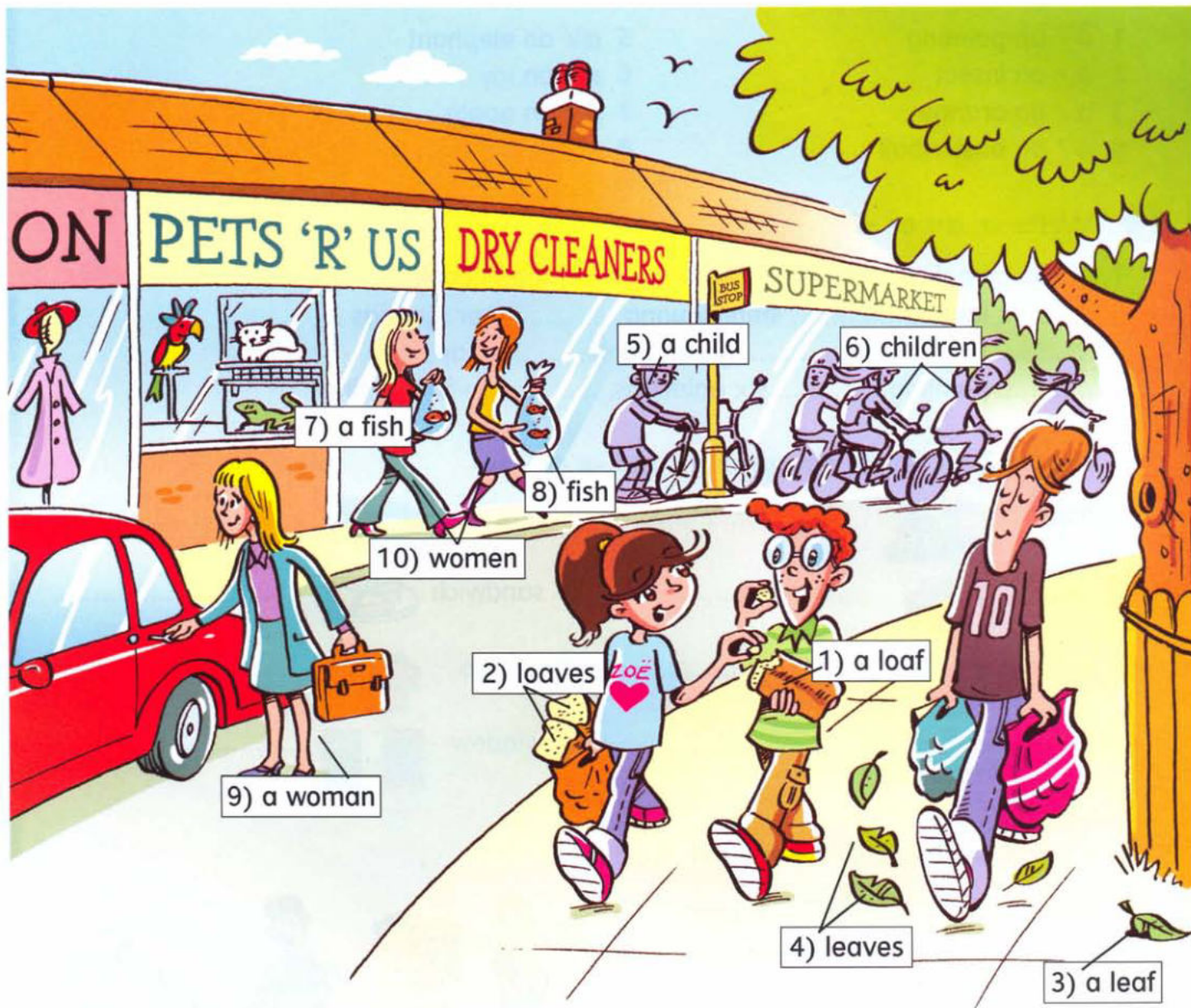
5 donkey

6 baby

7 key

8 fly





Regular plurals

	Singular	Plural
Nouns ending in -f, -fe	leaf	leaves
	loaf	loaves
	wife	wives

Irregular plurals

	Singular	Plural
Nouns with different plural forms	man	men
	woman	women
	child	children
	tooth	teeth
	foot	feet
	mouse	mice
Nouns that do not change in the plural	sheep	sheep
	fish	fish
	deer	deer

Some nouns have irregular plurals. Each of them forms the plural in a different way.



5 Look, count and write the plural.



fish two fish



man



tooth



deer



loaf



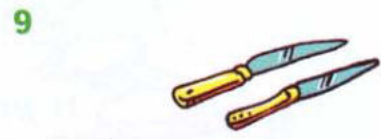
foot



wolf



mouse



knife

6 Write the plurals in the bags.

wife child fly desk ~~orange~~ book mouse tomato
~~glass~~ bus knife party ~~baby~~ watch loaf ~~women~~ sheep

-s



-es



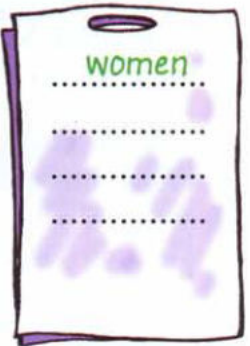
-ies



-ves



irregular



7 Play a game. Take turns.



book
child
box

key
strawberry
glass



knife
fish
man