

Irregular plurals poem activities

Do the activity or activities below that your teacher tells you to:

- read out the poem with the right pronunciation
- put a mixed-up version into order
- change the singular nouns into the right plural forms

Mixed version

Match the lines on the right to the ones on the left by meaning and rhyming word.

I had a meeting with ten men.	A hundred sharp and bloody teeth
I really like to eat red meat	All of them called Bill or Ben.
Lifting the lips, he found beneath	But feel nervous when they have sharp knives
They were prepared to construct the wooden shelves	But it looked like a bus full of wild boar
Husbands say they love and trust their wives	But not to cut the trees themselves
In autumn my garden was invaded by thieves	But this steak measures fifteen feet!
This pool can't be very deep	But your wig has seven mice!
He battled past two giant squid	By the end they had taken all the leaves
Without flour, water, bowls or stoves	He realised they were angry deer
It's true my hair is full of lice	He's wearing slippers on all his hooves
My brothers don't do things by halves	I used my brains and quietly hid
Looked at them from very near	It's filled with happy-looking sheep
This Christmas will be a time of peace	They made soup and ninety loaves
I can't say for certain what I saw	They spent two hours on just their calves
I guess this horse hardly ever moves	With no more fights between ducks and geese

Singular nouns version

Use the rhyming words and your knowledge of plurals to put the right form of each noun below. Sometimes both ending words need to be changed, and some can stay the same.

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Complete poem

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Mixed and singular nouns version

Change any words which should be plural and match the lines on the left and right by meaning and rhyming word.

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Test each other on the plurals:

- read out a singular and word that rhymes with the plural and see if your partner can say the plural
- read out two lines with the irregular plural missing and see if your partner can guess it
- read out an irregular plural and see if your partner can make the singular
- read out a singular and see if your partner can make the plural
- read out a singular or plural without saying which it is and see if your partner can identify it and say the other form