

Irregular plural formation

bacillus –	locus –	stimulus –	genus –	alga –
addendum –	bacterium –	erratum –	stratum –	datum –
codex –	analysis –	axis –	basis –	crisis –
diagnosis –	hypothesis –	thesis –	criterion –	phenomenon –

Put into the plural:

1. Can I have both of the pie, please? (half)
2. A cat is said to have no less than nine (life)
3. Mary slid her into her sandals. (foot)
4. It is important to brush your at least twice a day. (tooth)
5. In old-fashioned speech, were often denoted as the fair sex. (woman)
6. are bacteria with a long straight shape, some of which cause diseases. (bacillus)
7. They tested the children's reaction to simple visual (stimulus)
8. Chemical experts are doing of the samples. (analysis)
9. The signs and symptoms that he showed allowed several (diagnosis)
10. Not all of the present-day cultural, natural, and social have been fully understood. (phenomenon)

MUCH, MANY, LITTLE, FEW

87.1 In some of these sentences **much** is incorrect or unnatural. Change **much** to **many** or **a lot (of)** where necessary. Write 'OK' if the sentence is correct.

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| 1 We didn't spend much money. | OK |
| 2 Sue drinks much tea. | a lot of tea |
| 3 Joe always puts much salt on his food. | |
| 4 We'll have to hurry. We don't have much time. | |
| 5 It cost much to repair the car. | |
| 6 Did it cost much to repair the car? | |
| 7 I don't know much people in this town. | |
| 8 Mike travels much. | |
| 9 There wasn't much traffic this morning. | |
| 10 You need much money to travel round the world. | |

87.5 Put in **little / a little / few / a few**.

- 1 Gary is very busy with his job. He has ... *little* ... time for other things.
- 2 Listen carefully. I'm going to give you advice.
- 3 Do you mind if I ask you questions?
- 4 It's not a very interesting place to visit, so tourists come here.
- 5 I don't think Amy would be a good teacher. She has patience.
- 6 'Would you like milk in your coffee?' 'Yes,
- 7 This is a very boring place to live. There's to do.
- 8 'Have you ever been to Paris?' 'Yes, I've been there times.'