

Re: Rules to add -s/-es endings to English nouns

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On Jul 10, 2:02 am, John Swindle <jcswin...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

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On Tue, 08 Jul 2008 16:28:05 -1000, John Swindle <jcswin...@xxxxxxx> wrote:

On Tue, 8 Jul 2008 18:13:58 -0700 (PDT), Visa Inquirer <visa_desi...@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am trying to understand how English plurals form.

There are some rules
in <http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwesl/egw/crump.htm>.
But many items there cause questions.

Rule: ... (add) -es to those singulars that end
in a sibilant sound (/s/, /z/, /ts/, /dz/).
But why then quiz has plural quizzes?

If we saw quiz, quizzes, we might think the sound of the first

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vowel

had changed, as in "quit" vs "quite"