**Activity Type**
Reading, speaking and spelling activity, group work

**Language Focus**
Singular and plural nouns

**Aim**
To change singular nouns into plural nouns and to spell the plural forms.

**Preparation**
Make one copy of the game board and cards for each group of four and cut the cards out as indicated. You will also need to prepare counters for each group.

**Level**
Pre-intermediate

**Time**
30 minutes

**Introduction**
Here is a comprehensive board game to help students practice or revise singular and plural nouns and their spelling.

**Procedure**
Divide the students into groups of four (Player 1, 2, 3 and 4).

Give each group a copy of the game board, a set of game cards and counters. Tell the students to shuffle the game cards and place them face down in a pile on the board.

Explain that the game cards are numbered from 1 to 6 and are used instead of a dice. The cards also vary in difficulty, number 1 cards are quite easy and number 6 cards are fairly difficult. The students move forward in the game according to the number on the card by giving the plural form of the singular noun on the card and spelling it correctly.

The game begins with player 2 picking up a card from the top of the pile and reading the singular noun on the card to Player 1.

Player 1 then tries to give the plural form of the noun and spell it. If player 1 gives the correct plural form and spelling, the student moves the amount of squares indicated on the card.

Player 2 then places the card at the bottom of the pile. If player 1 gives the wrong plural form or spells the plural noun incorrectly, the student stays on the same square.

Player 3 then picks up a game card from the top of the pile for player 2 and so on.

The first player to reach the finish wins the game.

**Game cards**

1. Singular nouns that form the plural by adding -s
2. Singular nouns that end in -s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o (add -es)
3. Irregular nouns and nouns that don’t change
4. Nouns that end in a consonant and -y (change -y to -ies)
   - Nouns that end in -f or -fe (change -f or -fe to -ves)
   - Nouns that end in -z (add -zes)
5. Nouns (from Greek) that end in -is (change -is to -es)
   - Nouns (from Latin) that end in -us (change -us to -i)
6. Nouns that end in -um (change -um to -a)
   - Nouns (from Latin) that end in -a (change -a to -ae)
   - Nouns (from Greek) that end in -on (change -on to -a)
   - Nouns that end in -ex (change -ex to -ices)
SINGULAR AND PLURAL NOUNS

Singular vs. Plural Board Game

- Go back 2 spaces
- Go forward 2 spaces
- Go forward 1 space
- Miss a turn
- Finish
- Go back

Game cards

Start

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### Singular vs. Plural Board Game

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| 1. Singular - cat  
Plural - cats |
| 1. Singular - bottle  
Plural - bottles |
| 1. Singular - pencil  
Plural - pencils |
| 1. Singular - house  
Plural - houses |
| 1. Singular - window  
Plural - windows |
| 1. Singular - flower  
Plural - flowers |
| 1. Singular - sticker  
Plural - stickers |
| 1. Singular - gas  
Plural - gasses |
| 2. Singular - kiss  
Plural - kisses |
| 1. Singular - desk  
Plural - desks |
| 2. Singular - bus  
Plural - buses |
| 2. Singular - beach  
Plural - beaches |
| 2. Singular - hero  
Plural - heroes |
| 1. Singular - bottle  
Plural - bottles |
| 2. Singular - box  
Plural - boxes |
| 2. Singular - watch  
Plural - watches |
| 2. Singular - hero  
Plural - heroes |
| 3. Singular - tooth  
Plural - teeth |
| 1. Singular - wine  
Plural - wines |
| 3. Singular - goos  
Plural - geese |
| 3. Singular - ox  
Plural - oxen |
| 3. Singular - child  
Plural - children |
| 4. Singular - foot  
Plural - feet |
| 3. Singular - deer  
Plural - deer |
| 3. Singular - fish  
Plural - fish |
| 4. Singular - baby  
Plural - babies |
| 4. Singular - city  
Plural - cities |
| 4. Singular - lady  
Plural - ladies |
| 4. Singular - knife  
Plural - knives |
| 4. Singular - leaf  
Plural - leaves |
| 4. Singular - wolf  
Plural - wolves |
| 4. Singular - quiz  
Plural - quizzes |
| 5. Singular - analysis  
Plural - analyses |
| 5. Singular - axis  
Plural - axes |
| 5. Singular - crisis  
Plural - crises |
| 5. Singular - thesis  
Plural - theses |
| 5. Singular - nucleus  
Plural - nuclei |
| 5. Singular - cactus  
Plural - cacti |
| 5. Singular - syllabus  
Plural - syllabi |
| 5. Singular - fungus  
Plural - fungi |
| 6. Singular - bacterium  
Plural - bacteria |
| 6. Singular - datum  
Plural - data |
| 6. Singular - medium  
Plural - media |
| 6. Singular - antenna  
Plural - antennae |
| 6. Singular - nebula  
Plural - nebulae |
| 6. Singular - criterion  
Plural - criteria |
| 6. Singular - automaton  
Plural - automata |
| 6. Singular - vortex  
Plural - vortices |