

one chair, two chairs, these

Plural nouns and pointing

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Plural nouns and pointing

For most plural nouns add **-s**: **chair** → **chairs**, **cup** → **cups**. Nouns ending in **-s/-sh/-ch/-x** commonly add **-es**: **box** → **boxes**. Consonant plus **-y** changes to **-ies**: **family** → **families**.

Point to a singular thing with **this** or **that**, and plural things with **these** or **those**: **this chair**, **these chairs**. Use **this is**, **these are**.

After a number say the plural noun for two or more: **two chairs**. Important irregular plurals such as **children**, **people**, **men** and **women** are learned with the words.

Form	Example	Meaning
chairs	I've got two chairs.	Say you have two chairs.
boxes	There are three boxes.	Say three boxes are present.
This	This is my chair.	Point to one nearby chair.
These	These are my chairs.	Point to nearby chairs, more than one.
are	Those are my cups.	Identify more than one cup over there.
families	There are two families.	Name two families.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 I've got two chairs.

Meaning: Say you have two chairs.

2 There are three boxes.

Meaning: Say three boxes are present.

3 This is my chair.

Meaning: Point to one nearby chair.

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Meaning: Point to nearby chairs, more than one.

5 Those are my cups.

Meaning: Identify more than one cup over there.

6 There are two families.

Meaning: Name two families.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 I've got two _____.

- ☐ A chair
- ☐ B chairs
- ☐ C chaires

Meaning: Say you have two chairs.

2 There are three _____.

- ☐ A box
- ☐ B boxes
- ☐ C boxs

Meaning: Say three boxes are present.

3 _____ is my chair.

- ☐ A Those
- ☐ B This
- ☐ C These

Meaning: Point to one nearby chair.

4 _____ are my chairs.

- ☐ A That
- ☐ B This
- ☐ C These

Meaning: Point to nearby chairs, more than one.

5 Those _____ my cups.

- ☐ A are
- ☐ B is
- ☐ C am

Meaning: Identify more than one cup over there.

6 There are two _____.

- ☐ A familys
- ☐ B family
- ☐ C families

Meaning: Name two families.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

chair chairs

I've got two _____.

Meaning: Say you have two chairs.

box boxes

There are three _____.

Meaning: Say three boxes are present.

These This

_____ is my chair.

Meaning: Point to one nearby chair.

This These

_____ are my chairs.

Meaning: Point to nearby chairs, more than one.

is are

Those _____ my cups.

Meaning: Identify more than one cup over there.

family families

There are two _____.

Meaning: Name two families.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 chairs. two got I've

Meaning: Say you have two chairs.

- 2 are There three boxes.

Meaning: Say three boxes are present.

- 3 is my chair. This

Meaning: Point to one nearby chair.

- 4 These my are chairs.

Meaning: Point to nearby chairs, more than one.

- 5 cups. Those are my

Meaning: Identify more than one cup over there.

- 6 families. two are There

Meaning: Name two families.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Say you have two chairs. You say:

- (A) I've got two chairs.
(B) I've got two chair.

- 2 Say three boxes are present. You say:

- (A) There are three box.
(B) There are three boxes.

3 Point to one nearby chair. You say:

- (A) This is my chair.
- (B) These is my chair.

4 Point to nearby chairs, more than one. You say:

- (A) These are my chairs.
- (B) This are my chairs.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) This is my chair. | (A) Name two families. |
| (2) These are my chairs. | (B) Say three boxes are present. |
| (3) Those are my cups. | (C) Identify more than one cup over there. |
| (4) I've got two chairs. | (D) Say you have two chairs. |
| (5) There are two families. | (E) Point to nearby chairs, more than one. |

- ⑥ There are three boxes.
- ⑦ Point to one nearby chair.