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## **Singular and plural forms**

Regular forms (szabályos)		Irregular forms (rendhagyó)	
Singular (E.sz.)	Plural (T.sz.)	Singular (E.sz.)	Plural (T.sz.)
pen	pen <u>s</u>	man	m <u>e</u> n
phone	phone <u>s</u>	woman	wom <u>e</u> n
brush	brush <u>es</u>	child	child <u>ren</u>
box	box <u>es</u>	person	people
city	cit <u>ies</u>	tooth	t <u>ee</u> th
family	famil <u>ies</u>	foot	f <u>ee</u> t
wife	wi <u>v</u> es	mouse	mice
leaf	lea <u>v</u> es	sheep	sheep

## <u>A/An...</u>

<b>A</b>	An	
a <u>c</u> ar	an <u>o</u> ld car	
a <u>d</u> og	an <u>a</u> nimal	
a <u>h</u> ouse	an <u>o</u> ld house	
a <u>f</u> ilm	an <u>A</u> merican film	
a <u>l</u> ady	an <u>a</u> ctress	

- Before someone or something <u>mentioned for the</u> first time.
  Once upon a time there was a king...
- With only <u>singular</u>, <u>countable</u> nouns.
  A bottle of water...
  (but: water, bottles)

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Pro	nunc	iation

/δι/	/δə/
the apple	the pear
the umbrella	the raincoat
the end	the start
the air	the sky

- Before someone or something that has been mentioned, <u>a particular thing</u> <u>or person.</u> ...The king had three sons.
- Before the names of <u>hotels</u>, <u>cinemas</u>, <u>theaters</u>, <u>museums</u>, <u>oceans</u>, <u>seas</u>, <u>rivers</u> and <u>'of' structures</u>. <u>the Ritz</u>, <u>the Odeon</u>, <u>the</u> *Royal Shakespeare Theatre*, <u>the British Museum</u>, <u>the</u> *Atlantic*, <u>the Adriatic Sea</u>, <u>the</u> *Danube*, <u>the USA</u>



- When talking in general: Make <u>love</u> not <u>war</u>.
  I can't stand <u>classical music</u>.
  <u>Fresh air</u> is good for you.
  I love <u>vegetables</u>.
- Before proper nouns: <u>John</u>, it's <u>Saturday</u>. In <u>January</u> I went to <u>Rome</u>, <u>Italy</u>.

She learnt <u>Italian</u> at <u>Szeged</u> <u>University</u> in <u>Ady Square</u> just off <u>Petőfi Avenue</u>.

- In expressions when referring to the institution. go to/ be at work go/be at home go to/ be in prison go to/ be in hospital go to/be in church
- Misc:

watch TV, on TV have breakfast/ lunch/ dinner play sports/ games travel by car/ train

## <u>Compare the following</u> <u>examples.</u>

Without 'the'	<u>With 'the'</u>
watch TV	listen to the radio
l play football every Friday.	I play the guitar.
I go to secondary school.	My mother went to the school to see my teacher.
I'm going to town.	I prefer the town to the country.

## **Possessive 's and of**

Possesive 's		'of'	
Singular	Plural	The United States	of America
my son's computer	my sons' computer	The United Kingdom	of Great Britain and Northern
Peter's hair Charles's hair Socrates' ideas			Ireland
		the importance	of the plan
Sunday's paper	ten minutes' walk	the name	of the game
at the hairdresser's	two weeks' holiday	the sound	of silence