Rule 4: plural: ‘s’ and ‘es’

(also includes 3rd person singular of verbs)

1) Rule 4: Explanation

To make most words plural we just add **'s'**.

toy**s** truck**s** stamp**s** pocket**s**

Some words are too hard to say like this!

fox**s** push**s** witch**s** bus**s**

When we say these words, you can hear an **'is'** sound at the end. It is spelt **'es'**.

fox**es** push**es** witch**es** bus**es**

2) Rule 4: Examples

Read the words below. Can you hear the **'is'** sound at the end of some of the words? Remember this is spelt **'es'**!

passes	roads	cakes
bowls	branches	windows
flashes	classrooms	boxes

THINK: Which word above ends in **'es'** because the ROOT WORD already ended in an **'e'**?

3) Rule 4: Practice

Decide whether to add **'s'** or **'es'** to the end of these words.

Starter	**Challenge 1**	**Challenge 2**
cat__	farmer__	stretch__
fox__	patch__	pancake__
plant__	tree__	elephant__
tap__	glass__	mountain__
bush__	friend__	squash__

THINK: Which ending is more common?