

Grammar – Singular and Plural Nouns

100 English Nouns which are Plural Only (*Plurale Tantum*) – by Category

The Latin phrase *Plurale Tantum* refers to a **noun** which has a **plural form** but **no singular form**.

A *Plurale Tantum* is often one item with two parts, working together as a set, particularly clothes for the lower half of the body, e.g. **trousers**, **leggings**, **shorts**, etc. We cannot have one trouser, one leggings, or one short, for example.

A. **trousers**

chaps
chinos
dungarees
flares
jeans
jeggings
jodhpurs
leggings
Levis
slacks
trousers

B. **shorts**

Bermudas
shorts
trunks

C. **underwear**

boxers
briefs
Calvins
drawers
knickers
long johns
panties
pants
suspenders
tights
underpants
undies

D. **tools**

bagpipes
bellows
forceps
headphones
nutcrackers
scales
scissors
shears
tongs
tweezers

E. **money**

alms
belongings
coffers
damages
earnings
funds
monies
riches
valuables
wages

F. **outdoors**

backwoods
outskirts
surroundings

G. **eyewear**

bifocals
binoculars
glasses
goggles
RayBans
spectacles

H. **health**

measles
mumps
shingles

I. **problems**

ashes
blues
condolences
creeps
doldrums
fiddlesticks
handcuffs
remains
shenanigans
troubles

J. **food**

breadcrumbs
dregs
leftovers
slops

K. **sport**

aerobics
billiards
Reeboks
stirrups

L. **celebrations**

banns
congratulations
hysterics
jitters
nuptials
thanks
tidings

M. **time**

annals
bygones

N. **combat**

arms
civvies
fatigues
guts
heroics
munitions

O. **miscellaneous**

clothes
contents
furnishings
looks
manners
optics
scruples
suds
vespers