

Singular and plural competitions speaking games

Ask your partner a “How many... do you have/ have you got/ are there/ did you/ do you want to/ would you like/ would you like to... (in/ on/ near...?)” question and answer the same question yourself. You can ask general or (very) specific questions, e.g. asking “How many new red notebooks have you got in your bag (now)?” or just “Have many notebooks have you got?” You both must answer with full sentences, e.g. “I have one...” or “There are seven”. You get one point if your partner has exactly one of that thing and you have more than one. However, you get no points if your partner has none of that thing, if they have more than one, or if you have fewer than two. Your teacher will tell you which of the lists below you can use to help. Answer a similar question from your partner, then take turns doing the same until your teacher stops you.

After you finish the game, fill the blank column in the last page below with plurals of the words in the left-hand column.

Check the plurals with the previous page, then test each other orally on the same and then different plurals.

What are the rules for “-ies” endings, “-ys” endings, and endings that are pronounced “iz” (and so add another syllable)?

Singular and plural things in common speaking game

Ask each other personal how many questions again, but this time to find things where your numbers are the same, and without looking at the worksheets to help.

With plurals version

Suggested things to speak about		places to speak about
automatic pencil	automatic pencils	in
baby	babies	on
badge	badges	near
bottle of...	bottles of...	in front of
brother/ sister	brothers/ sisters	under
bruise	bruises	
brush	brushes	bag
calendar	calendars	bedroom
car	cars	body
certificate	certificates	book
coat	coats	classroom
comic	comics	coat
(older/ younger) cousin	(older/ younger) cousins	closet/ cupboard/ wardrobe
dictionary	dictionaries	desk
duvet	duvets	drawer
eraser	erasers	garage
fridge	fridges	hook
(winter/ summer) hat	(winter/ summer) hats	house/ apartment
key	keys	kitchen
loaf of bread	loaves of bread	living room
motorbike	motorbikes	pocket
mouse	mice	street
musical instrument	musical instruments	
notebook	notebooks	
patch	patches	
pencil case	pencil cases	
pet	pets	
photocopy	photocopies	
pillow	pillows	
poster	posters	
red pen	red pens	
rug	rugs	
shelf	shelves	
stripe	stripes	
television	televisions	
textbook	textbooks	
toilet	toilets	
video game console	video game consoles	
watch	watches	
zip/ zipper	zips/ zippers	

No plurals version

Suggested things to speak about		places to speak about
automatic pencil baby badge bottle of... brother/ sister bruise brush calendar car certificate coat comic (older/ younger) cousin dictionary duvet eraser fridge (winter/ summer) hat key loaf of bread motorbike mouse musical instrument notebook patch pencil case pet photocopy pillow poster red pen rug shelf stripe television textbook toilet video game console watch zip/ zipper		in on near in front of under bag bedroom body book classroom coat closet/ cupboard/ wardrobe desk drawer garage hook house/ apartment kitchen living room pocket street