

Russian Nouns

Masculine Nouns

- Endings **(i) Usually, masculine nouns end in a consonant**
(ii) Sometimes, masculine nouns have the ending -ь
(iii) Sometimes, masculine nouns have the ending -й
- Plural Form (i) If noun ends with a consonant, add -ы
(ii) If noun ends with the consonant г, к, х, ж, ч, ш or щ, add и instead of -ы
(iii) If noun ends in -ь or -й, remove this letter and add и
- Common (i) Some masculine nouns have feminine endings
Exceptions (ii) Some masculine plurals have the ending -а or -я
(iii) Some masculine plurals are a different form/word altogether

Feminine Nouns

- Endings **(i) Usually, feminine nouns end in -а or -я**
(ii) Sometimes, feminine nouns have the ending -ь
(iii) Sometimes, feminine nouns have the ending -ия
- Plural Form (i) Remove the last letter (-а, -я, or -ь) and add -ы or -и
(ii) After removing the last letter, if the word now ends with the consonant г, к, х, ж, ч, ш or щ, add и instead of -ы
*Usually, feminine nouns ending in -а change to -ы, while feminine nouns ending in -я, or -ь, change to -и
- Common (i) Some feminine plurals are a different form/word
Exceptions altogether

Neuter Nouns

- Endings **(i) Usually, neuter nouns end in -о or -е**
(ii) Sometimes, neuter nouns have the ending -ие
(iii) Sometimes, neuter nouns have the ending -[м]я
- Plural Form (i) Remove the last letter (-о, -е, or -я) and add -а or -я
* Usually, if the last letter is -о, it changes to -а
** Usually, if the last letter is -е, it changes to -я
- Common (i) Some neuter plurals are a different form/word
Exceptions altogether
(ii) Some neuter nouns are the same in plural and singular forms

Examples

<u>Noun</u>	<u>Russian</u>	<u>m/f/n (pl.)</u>	<u>Rule or Exception</u>
House	Дом	m	Rule - masculine ends in consonant
Houses	Дома	m (pl.)	Exception - masculine plural ends in -а
Wardrobe	Шкаф	m	Rule - masculine ends in consonant
Wardrobes	Шкафы	m (pl.)	Rule - masculine plural add -ы
Rain	Дождь	m	Masculine ends in -ь (remember)
Rains	Дожди	m (pl.)	Rule - masculine plural replace -ь with -и
Museum	Музей	m	Rule - masculine ends in -й
Museums	Музеи	m (pl.)	Rule - masculine plural replace -й with -и
Person	Человек	m	Rule - masculine ends in consonant
People	Люди	m (pl.)	Exception - masculine plural changes form altogether
Coffee	Кофе	m, m (pl.)	Exception - masculine ends in -е Exception - masculine plural same as singular
Apartment	Квартира	f	Rule - feminine ends in -а
Apartments	Квартиры	f (pl.)	Rule - feminine plural replace -а with -ы
Door	Дверь	f	Feminine ends in -ь (remember)
Doors	Двери	f (pl.)	Rule - feminine plural replace -ь with -и
Bathroom	Ванная	f	Rule - feminine ends in -я
Bathrooms	ванные	f (pl.)	Exception - feminine plural changes form altogether
Russia	Россия	f	Rule - feminine ends in -ия
Sister	Сестра	f	Rule - feminine ends in -а
Sisters	Сёстры	f (pl.)	Exception - feminine plural changes form altogether
Mirror	Зеркало	n	Rule - neuter ends in -о
Mirrors	Зеркала	n (pl.)	Rule - neuter plural ends in -а
Building	Здание	n	Rule - neuter ends in -ие
Buildings	Здания	n (pl.)	Rule - neuter plural ends in -я
Name	Имя	n	Rule - neuter ends in -[м]я
Names	Имена	n (pl.)	Exception - neuter plural changes form altogether