🩹 IELTS WRITING FIRST AID KIT #4

Singular and Plural Nouns

A missing -s is one of the most common mistakes in IELTS Writing – and one of the easiest to fix.

📌 Quick Rule

many, several, a number of	plural noun: *several* ***reasons***
irregular plurals	*person → people, child → children, man → men*
uncountable nouns	no -s: *information, advice, research, equipment*

✅ Before you finish, check:

- ☐ Have I added **-s / -es** where a plural is needed?
- ☐ Have I used a singular noun when I mean more than one?
- ☐ Have I checked irregular plurals such as *people, children* and *women*?
- ☐ Have I accidentally made an **uncountable** noun plural?

⚡ Quick Practice

Find and correct the noun mistake in each sentence.

1. Many young person choose to study abroad.
2. The government should provide more informations about healthy eating.
3. There are several important reason for this change.
4. Modern technology has brought many benefit to society.
5. Young childs are spending more time online.

🩹 FIRST AID KIT #4 – ANSWERS

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✔️ Answers

1. Many young **people** choose to study abroad.
   The plural of *person* is *people*.

2. The government should provide more **information** about healthy eating.
   Information is uncountable – never *informations*.

3. There are several important **reasons** for this change.
   Several is followed by a plural noun.

4. Modern technology has brought many **benefits** to society.
   Many is followed by a plural noun.

5. Young **children** are spending more time online.
   The plural of *child* is *children*.

My score: ____ / 5

🚑 Your 1-Minute Check

Scan your writing for **nouns**.

Look carefully at the words after *many, several, a number of* and *more*. Then check common uncountable nouns such as *information, advice* and *research*.

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