



## Words Ending in O

*Most nouns that end in a vowel + O simply add S to form their plural. For example, studio → studios. Most nouns that end in a consonant + O add ES to form their plural. For example, tomato → tomatoes. However, there are some exceptions. This document does not show all of the exceptions, only the most common ones.*

### **Some nouns end in consonant + O and add only S.**

These are normally words that originate from Spanish or Italian, are short forms of a longer word or are newer words in the English language that were only created in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Singular	Plural	Explanation
Armadillo	Armadillos	Originated from the Spanish language
Auto	Autos	Short form of automobile
Bistro	Bistros	A modern English word from the 1920's
Bravo	Bravos	Originated from the Italian language
Bronco	Broncos	Originated from the Spanish language
Casino	Casinos	Originated from the Italian language
Cello	Cellos	Originated from the Italian language and a short form of violincello
Combo	Combos	A modern English word from the 1920's
Demo	Demos	A modern English word from the 1900's
Duo	Duos	Originated from the Italian language
Inferno	Infernos	Originated from the Italian language
Kilo	Kilos	Short form of kilogram or kilometre
Logo	Logos	Short form of logogram or logotype
Memo	Memos	Short form of memorandum
Photo	Photos	Short form of photograph
Piano	Pianos	Originated from the Italian language
Pimento	Pimentos	Originated from the Spanish language
Poncho	Ponchos	Originated from the Spanish language
Pro	Pros	Short form of professional
Solo	solos	Originated from the Italian language
Sombrero	Sombreros	Originated from the Spanish language
Soprano	sopranos	Originated from the Italian language

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Stiletto	Stilettos	Originated from the Italian language
Taco	Tacos	Originated from the Spanish language
Torso	Torsos	Originated from the Italian language
Tobacco	Tobaccos	Originated from the Spanish language
Typo	Typos	Short form of typographical error

### Some nouns ending in O are flexible.

Sometimes people add S and sometimes people add ES. Although there are a few Spanish words that should add only S, we have adopted them into the English language and “anglicised” them. This is why you might see some of these words with S and ES.

Singular	Plural (+S)	Plural (+ES)	Comments
Avocado	Avocados	Avocadoes	Avocado is a Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be avocados
Banjo	Banjos	Banjoes	
Buffalo	Buffalos	Buffaloes	
Cargo	Cargos	Cargoes	Cargo is a Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be cargos
Desperado	Desperados	Desperadoes	Desperado is a Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be desperados
Domino	Dominos	Dominoes	
Flamingo	Flamingos	Flamingoes	Flamingo is a Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be flamingos
Ghetto	Ghettos	Ghettoes	Ghetto is an Italian word, so the correct spelling should be ghettos
Halo	Halos	Haloes	
Innuendo	Innuendos	Innuendoes	
Mango	Mangos	Mangoes	
Manifesto	Manifestos	Manifestoes	Manifesto is an Italian word, so the correct spelling should be manifestos
Memento	Mementos	Mementoes	
Mosquito	Mosquitos	Mosquitoes	Mosquito is a Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be mosquitos
Motto	Mottos	Mottoes	Motto is an Italian word, so the correct spelling should be mottos
Tornado	Tornados	Tornadoes	Tornado is an Italian word, so the correct spelling should be tornados
Tuxedo	Tuxedos	Tuxedoes	Tuxedo is a modern English word, so the correct spelling should be tuxedos
Volcano	Volcanos	Volcanoes	Volcano is an Italian word, so the correct spelling should be volcanos
Zero	Zeros	Zeroes	Zero is an Italian and Spanish word, so the correct spelling should be zeros