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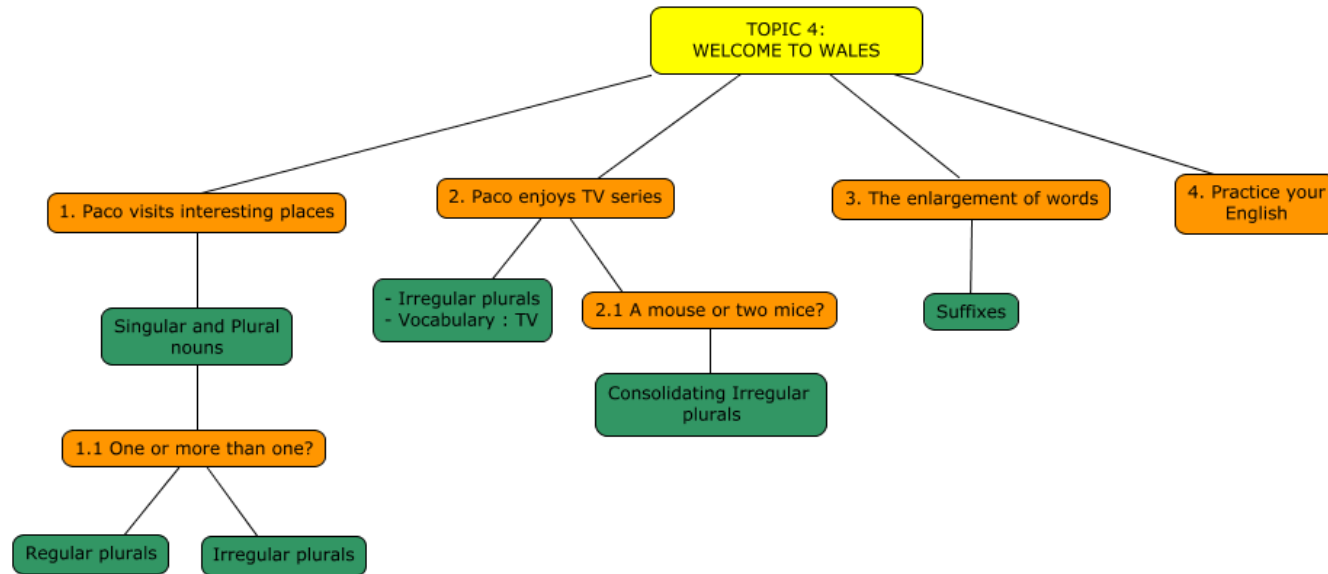
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# Introducción

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In this topic we are going to focus on nouns. First of all, we are having a look at how to form the **regular plural of nouns** in English, and we are going to learn how to pronounce these plurals. After these rules, you will see there are quite a **few irregular plurals** too.

Then we are going to learn about **suffixes** in English. The vocabulary of a language can be greatly increased thanks to suffixes. In this topic we are going to have a look at some of the most common suffixes. A suffix is a letter or group of letters added at the end of a word to make a new word (for example: happy > happiness).

Concerning vocabulary, we are going to learn words and phrases related to **television**.



## Para saber más

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In this topic, pronunciation is especially important. Whenever you want to know the pronunciation of any word, write it under our robot and Mike will pronounce it for you.



Speaking English

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Listen to the song and read the lyrics below.

## One Hippopotami (Allan Sherman)



### One Hippopotami (Allan Sherman)

One hippopotami cannot get on a bus,  
Because one hippopotami is two hippopotamus.  
And if you have two goose, that makes one geese.  
A pair of mouse is mice. A pair of moose is meese.  
A paranoia is a bunch of mental blocks.  
And when Ben Casey meets Kildaire, that's called a paradox.  
When two minks fall in love, with all their heart and soul,  
You'll find the plural of two minks is one mink stole.  
Singulars and plurals are so different, bless my soul.  
Has it ever occurred to you that the plural of "half" is "whole"?  
A bunch of tooth is teeth. A group of foot is feet.  
And two canaries make a pair-they call it a parakeet.

A paramecium is not a pair.  
A parallelogram is just a crazy square.  
Nobody knows just what a paraphernalia is.  
And what is half a pair of scissors, but a single sciz?  
With someone you adore, if you should find romance,  
You'll pant, and pant once more, and that's a pair of pants!

Yes! Plurals in English can be crazy! There are quite a few irregular plurals and they can be confusing sometimes!



## Comprueba lo aprendido

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Have a look at the lyrics again and write the plurals of these nouns:

1. goose:

2. mouse:

3. tooth:

4. foot:



## Reflexiona

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What can be the origin of English words such as 'Hippopotamus- Hippopotami'?

They come from Latin!

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Don't worry. We are going to learn plurals little by little. In the next section we are going to have a look at regular plurals. Let's start!



# 1. Paco visits interesting places (singular and plural)

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## Actividad de lectura

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Our friend Paco is already in Cardiff, the capital city of Wales. He is very excited because he is going to meet his friend Paul again and he has heard that Cardiff is a beautiful city. This young capital has many attractions, ranging from the oldest to the most modern. This is because the city has been redeveloped in the last few years. Nowadays it is also one of the UK's top shopping cities.

Paco is very interested in Cardiff Castle. This is one of the most popular places to visit in the city, together with its gardens and interpretation centre, which tells the story of the castle in his 2000 years of history. It probably started with the building of a Roman fort around AD 55 and, apart from other changes through history, in the 19th century, an eccentric man transformed it into a gothic fantasy. There are gothic fairytale towers with rich [breathtaking](#) interiors.

Paco is keen on different sports and, therefore, he has also planned to visit the Millennium Stadium. This place is home of the Wales National Rugby Union Team and the Wales National Football Team but it is also used for many other important events and music concerts. It was built in 1999 so it is a very new and modern site. It is the second largest stadium in the world. Paco is excited about making the stadium tour, which includes a visit to the changing room of the Welsh National Rugby Team and a walk through the players' tunnel to the [pitch](#).

Finally, Cardiff Bay is probably the most important development the city has carried out recently. Paco has heard it is a bit far from the city centre but there are buses every 10 minutes seven days a week. It is located in the old [dock](#) area and people say it is unrecognisable from ten years ago. In the Industrial Age, in the 19th century, Cardiff exported coal to the rest of the world from these docks. Nowadays, there is a large lake for sailing and water sports, and there are also restaurants, bars and shops.



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Identify the singular and the plural nouns that appear in the text:

SINGULAR NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS

**Singular nouns:** friend, city, capital, castle, centre, story, history, fort, century, man, fantasy, stadium, place, team, site, world, tour, visit, room, walk, tunnel, pitch, bay, development, week, area, age, coal, world, lake.

**Plural nouns:** attractions, years, cities, places, gardens, changes, towers, interiors, sports, events, concerts, players, buses, minutes, days, people, docks, restaurants, bars, shops.



**Comprueba lo aprendido**

Read the text again and decide if these statements are true or false.

1. There has been a modernization of Cardiff in the last few years.

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**Verdadero**

2. The castle is a new site in the city.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Falso**

3. Millennium Stadium is mainly used for concerts.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Falso**

4. Paco wants to visit the changing room and the pitch in the Stadium.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Verdadero**

5. You can only find a large lake in Cardiff Bay.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

Falso



## Ejercicio Resuelto

Write either the singular or the plural form of these nouns. Find them in the text.

SINGULAR NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS
	centres
	stories
attraction	
city	
	men
change	
	teams
	sites
bus	
person	
	bays
shop	

- After observing these plurals, what is the general rule to form the plural in English?
- What other types of plurals can you find in this table?

SINGULAR NOUNS	PLURAL NOUNS
centre	centres
story	stories
attraction	attractions
city	cities
man	men
change	changes
team	teams
site	sites
bus	buses
person	people
bay	bays
shop	shops

- The general rule is 'add -s to the noun'.
- Other types of plurals:

-change 'y' into 'i' as in *story-stories*.

-irregular plurals as in *man-men*.

-add -es as in *bus-buses*.

Don't worry! We'll have a look at the rules in the next section.



## Para saber más

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### History vs. story

Have you ever noticed we use the same Spanish word (historia) for these two terms? In English they refer to different things:

'History' refers to the branch of knowledge that studies the past, for example, the subject at school or the degree Paco studies at university.

A story can be true or fictitious, it can be a tale or a novel, for example.



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In the next section, we are going to have a look at the rules for regular plurals in English. You'll find it easy! Let's go!

## 1.1. One or more than one? (plurals)

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### Importante

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- The general rule to form the plural in English is add an 's' to the noun, as in Spanish:

*computer-computers*

However, not all plurals end in -s.

- Some add -es. For example, when the noun ends in -ch, -sh, -s, -x, or sometimes -o.

*match-matches*

*dish-dishes*

*bus-buses*

*box-boxes*

*potato-potatoes* (there are exceptions such as *radio-radios*)

- When the noun ends in consonant + y, it is changed into 'i' and we add -es.

*family-families*

But careful! if it ends in vowel + y, there is no change:

*guy-guys*

- When the noun ends in 'f' or 'fe', it is changed into 'ves'.

*shelf-shelves*

*life-lives*



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- Finally, there are irregular plurals that we will see in the next section.



## Comprueba lo aprendido

Complete the gaps with the plural form of these nouns. Have a look at the rules above whenever you need them.

1. thief -  6. tax -

2. book -  7. fly -

3. bush -  8. half-

4. baby -  9. knife-



5. day -  10. wish -

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## Para saber más

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If you want to practice more on the regular plurals of nouns, click [here](#).

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## Ejercicio Resuelto

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### How is the plural with -s or -es pronounced in English?

There are three different ways. Do you remember the rules you learned in unit 1 (topic 3) for the pronunciation of the third person singular of verbs in the Present Simple? The rules are the same! We must know the difference between [voiced sounds \(when the vocal cords vibrate\)](#) and [voiceless sounds](#) (when there is no vibration).

Let's remember the rules:

- When the preceding sound is voiced, the -s or -es is pronounced /z/: *table-tables*.
- When the preceding sound is voiceless, it is pronounced /s/: *stop-stops*.
- When the preceding sound is sibilant (/s/, /z/, /ʒ/, /ʒ/ or /ʒ/), it is pronounced /ɪz/: *kiss-kisses, buzz-buzzes, wish-wishes, watch-watches, bridge-bridges*.

Have a look at these plural nouns and place them in the appropriate place according to how they are pronounced. Use our robot if you need to know the pronunciation of the words.

*friends, visits, castles, forts, places, teams, sites, changes, buses*

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/

After you have checked the pronunciation, pronounce them aloud.

	/s/	/z/	/ɪz/	
	visits	friends	places	
	forts	castles	changes	
	sites	teams	buses	



Curiosidad

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### The national symbols of Wales: the leek and the daffodil

The true origins of the leek as the emblem of the Welsh is now confined to myth and legend.

One such legend associates it with St. David, the Patron Saint of Wales. A legend tells that he ordered his soldiers to wear the leek in a battle against the pagan Saxon invaders of Britain. Every year on St. David's Day, every Welsh soldier in Welsh regiment wears

them in their cap [badges](#).

The daffodil is another popular Welsh symbol, certainly more attractive and better-smelling. Although its origin as a symbol for Wales is not clear, it is curious to note that the word for 'daffodil' and for 'leek' are the same in Welsh. Coincidence?



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Now you know the rules for regular plurals in English. In the next section you are going to learn irregular plurals. Let's go!

## 2. Paco enjoys TV series

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### Actividad de lectura

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After an intense day visiting Cardiff, Paco is exhausted. His feet hurt for walking so much. Before going to sleep, he decides to watch TV at the hotel room. He starts surfing from one channel to the next with the [remote control](#).

TV is an incredibly varied [media](#): BBC 1 is showing the News, followed by the weather forecast; on BBC 2, there is a documentary about Africa; ITV is showing a popular British [soap opera](#) called *Coronation Street*; *Big Brother* on Channel 4! Paco hates reality shows; on Channel 5, there are adverts!; on some other channels there are films, cartoons for children, or popular game shows such as *Who wants to be a Millionaire?*.

Paco decides to go back to Channel 5 after the advertising break, and they are showing *Friends*. He has seen it in Spain before and he decides to try. It is a very successful American comedy series. The main characters are three men and three women living in New York. In this episode, the women are scared because they have found mice outside their flats.

After about half an hour, *Friends* is over. Paco is very tired so he turns off the TV and quickly falls asleep.



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What examples of irregular plurals can you find in the text?

IRREGULAR PLURALS: feet, media, children, series, men, women, mice.



## Comprueba lo aprendido

Read the text again and decide if these statements are true or false.

1. Paco is not interested in *Big Brother*.

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Verdadero

2. He has never heard of *Friends*.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

Falso

3. *Friends* takes place in Washington.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

Falso

4. *Coronation Street* is a soap opera.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

Verdadero



## Ejercicio Resuelto

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Can you write the singular form of these plural nouns that appear in the text?

SINGULAR	PLURAL
	feet
	media
	children
	series
	men
	women
	mice

SINGULAR	PLURAL
foot	feet
medium	media
child	children
series	series
man	men
woman	women
mouse	mice



## Importante

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Vocabulary is very important to be able to understand a language and to produce a piece of spoken or written language. In this section we are learning vocabulary related to TV.

Here is a list of useful words related to television that you should learn:

- remote control
- channel
- media
- TV programme
- news
- weather forecast
- documentary
- series
- episode
- turn on/ off
- reality show

- watch T.V.
- see a film



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**Para saber más**

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And if you want to watch some bits of the TV series Friends , click [here](#) . It's very funny!

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In the next section, we are going to finish with irregular plurals. Let's go!



## 2.1. A mouse or two mice? (irregular plurals)

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### Ejercicio Resuelto

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Irregular plurals obviously don't follow any rules. However, we can list them in different types:

- Some change the vowel, the ending or the whole word:

*man-men, woman-women, child-children, person-people, tooth-teeth, foot-feet, goose-geese, mouse-mice, louse-lice*

- Some words don't change at all:

*fish-fish, deer-deer, sheep-sheep, series-series, species-species*

- Some words that come from Latin have Latin endings:

*phenomenon-phenomena, datum-data, thesis-theses, appendix-appendices*

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### Para saber más

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For a list of irregular plurals, click [here](#).

Practise these plurals on this [website](#).

Finally, this video is a very good summary of both regular and irregular nouns.

## Plurals and Irregular Plurals



## Comprueba lo aprendido

Write either the singular or the plural form of these nouns. They can be regular or irregular.

1.  - wives

2. computer -

3. person -

4.  - series

5. fly -

6.  - boxes

7. mouse -

8. echo -

9.  - teeth

10. fish -



## Curiosidad

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### The Welsh Language

In Wales, apart from English, there is another language spoken by many people: Welsh, which is a Celtic language. Officially, they have equal status, but the truth is people speak more English than Welsh nowadays, except in North Wales, where Welsh is more popular..

Here are some examples of Welsh:

ENGLISH

WELSH

-Wales	-Cymru
-Welcome	-Croeso
-Good morning	-Bore da
-Cheers!	-Iechyd da!



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It's time to write a bit! Write a short text (between 80-100 words) answering this question:

**What kind of TV programmes do you like?**

Pulsa [aquí](#) para ver conectores útiles que puedes utilizar en tu redacción.



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There is only one section to finish! We are talking a bit more about nouns.

### 3. The enlargement of words (suffixes)

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Reflexiona

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What do these nouns have in common?

- wisdom
- quality
- agreement
- confusion
- position
- happiness
- entrance
- audience
- cleaner
- scientist

They all have suffixes.

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Reflexiona

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Suffixes are letters attached at the end of words that modify their usage or their meaning.

We can create countless nouns thanks to suffixes. In this unit, we are going to study the following ones:

**-dom:** wisdom, kingdom, freedom...

**-ity:** quality, necessity, possibility...

**-ment:** argument, agreement, disappointment...

**-sion/-tion:** television, information, celebration...

**-ness:** happiness, Scottishness, heaviness...

**-ance/-ence:** appearance, difference, independence...

**-er/-or:** teacher, visitor, inventor...

**-ist:** scientist, pianist, capitalist...

The only problem with suffixes is that we don't know what suffix matches each word if we have never heard that word before. That's why we need to know them by heart.

**Make nouns from these words with the suffixes above :**

- act
- agree
- bored
- move
- violin



act - action

agree - agreement

bored - boredom

move - movement

violin - violinist



## Para saber más

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If you want to know more suffixes and what they mean, click [here](#).



## Curiosidad

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You already know you can create countless words in English thanks to suffixes. One such example is the word [supercalifragilisticexpialidocious](#), used in the song with the same name in the musical film *Mary Poppins*.

We can find another example in North Wales, where there is a village with the longest name in the United Kingdom.

**Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch**

Surprising, isn't it? It is a Welsh name, artificially created in the 1860's with the purpose to attract more visitors to the town.

Click on the video to listen to its pronunciation!

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychw...



Do you want to try?

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## Comprueba lo aprendido

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You are going to practice with suffixes now. From the given word, decide which suffix can be used to make a noun:

1. Independent.

- ☐ a. ness
- ☐ b. ence
- ☐ c. tion



Solución

1. Incorrecto
2. Correcto
3. Incorrecto

2. Tolerant.

- ☐ a. ance
- ☐ b. ist
- ☐ c. ness

Solución

1. Correcto
2. Incorrecto
3. Incorrecto

3. Inform.

- ☐ a. ance
- ☐ b. asion
- ☐ c. ation

Solución

1. Incorrecto
2. Incorrecto
3. Correcto

4. Important.

- ☐ a. er
- ☐ b. tion
- ☐ c. ance

Solución

1. Incorrecto
2. Incorrecto
3. Correcto

5. Disappoint.

- ☐ a. ity
- ☐ b. ment

☐ c. ness

Solución

1. Incorrecto
2. Correcto
3. Incorrecto



## Importante

It is very important to watch videos or films in English in order to learn the language. Nowadays, it is very easy to watch DVDs in English, maybe with subtitles so that it's a bit easier for you. And don't forget the Internet is also a very useful tool to find anything you like in English!



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And that's it! There is only one topic left to finish unit 3! You are doing very well so far!

## 4. Further practice

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### Actividad de lectura

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#### Llanfairpwllgwyngyll

This is the short form for **Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch**, the longest place name in the United Kingdom and one of the longest in the world. It is a village located in North Wales on the island of Anglesey.

The name has 58 letters (51 in the Welsh alphabet where 'ch' and 'll' are single letters), and the translation into English would be "St Mary's church in the hollow of the white hazel near a rapid whirlpool and the church of St. Tysilio of the red cave".

This long name was given in the 1860's, invented to attract attention, as a publicity [stunt](#). They wanted to have a reputation of having the longest name for a railway station in the UK. Nowadays, visitors normally stop at the train station to take a picture of the sign. Another typical tourist attraction is having a kind of passport stamped at a local shop with the name of the village.

Thousands of men, women, students and whole families visit each year this small village. For this reason, the local people of Llanfairpwllgwyngyll are very proud of their little village and its long name.



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Find the singular and the plural nouns that appear in the text:

**Singular nouns:** form, name, world, village, island, alphabet, translation, church, hollow, hazel, whirlpool, cave, stunt, reputation, station, picture, sign, attraction, passport, shop, year, reason.

**Plural nouns:** letters, visitors, men, women, students, families, people.



## Comprueba lo aprendido

According to the text, are these statements true or false?

1. Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch is the longest place name in the world.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Falso**

2. The name was created to attract tourists.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Verdadero**

3. The people from the village are tired of the name.

☐ Verdadero ☐ Falso

**Falso**



## Ejercicio Resuelto

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Complete the table with either the singular or the plural forms that appear in the text. Come on! It's easy!

SINGULAR	PLURAL
visitor	
	churches
man	
	pictures

woman	
person	
	stations
family	

SINGULAR	PLURAL
visitor	visitors
church	churches
man	men
picture	pictures
woman	women
person	people
station	stations
family	families



## Comprueba lo aprendido

Complete the gaps with the plurals of these nouns (they can be regular or irregular; remember the rules):

1. child -

2. half -

3. mouse -

4. species -



5. book -

6. foot -

7. echo -

8. goose -

9. dish -

10. opportunity -



## Ejercicio Resuelto

Place each of these plural nouns under the correct pronunciation:

*forms, alphabets, stunts, churches, stations, students, signs, villages*

/s/	/z/	/ɪz/

	/s/	/z/	/ɪz/	
	alphabets stunts students	forms stations signs	churches villages	



## Ejercicio Resuelto

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Find examples with these suffixes in the text. You will find them very easily:

-tion -dom -ist -or -ity

**-tion:** translation, attention, reputation, station, attraction.

**-dom:** Kingdom.

**-ist:** tourist.

**-or:** visitor.

**-ity:** publicity.



## Comprueba lo aprendido

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Make nouns from these words, using suffixes such as: -dom, -ity, -ment, -sion, -tion, -ness, -ance, -ence, -er, -or, -ist.

1. permit:

2. bored:

3. heavy:

4. science:

5. argue:

6. invent:

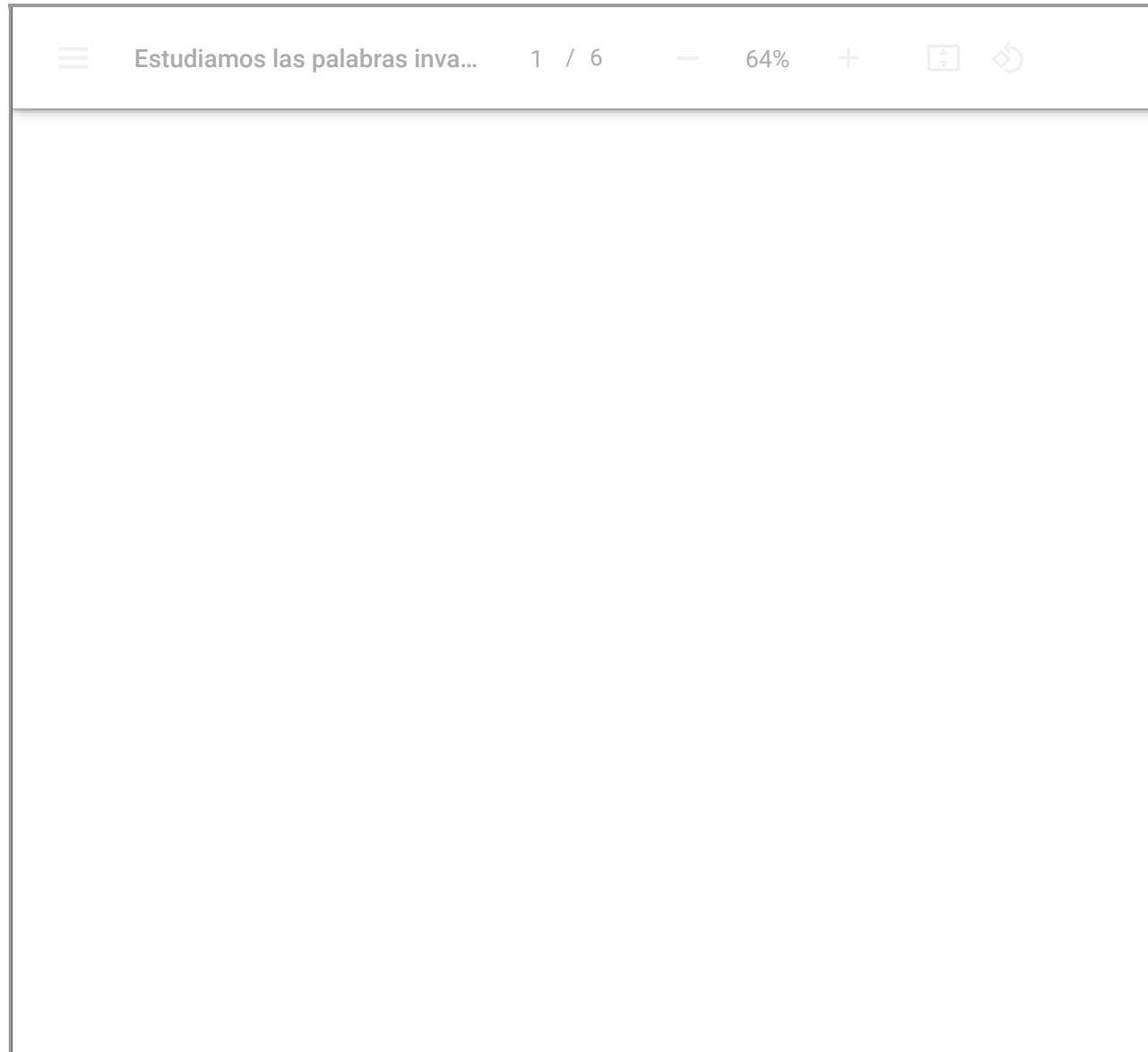
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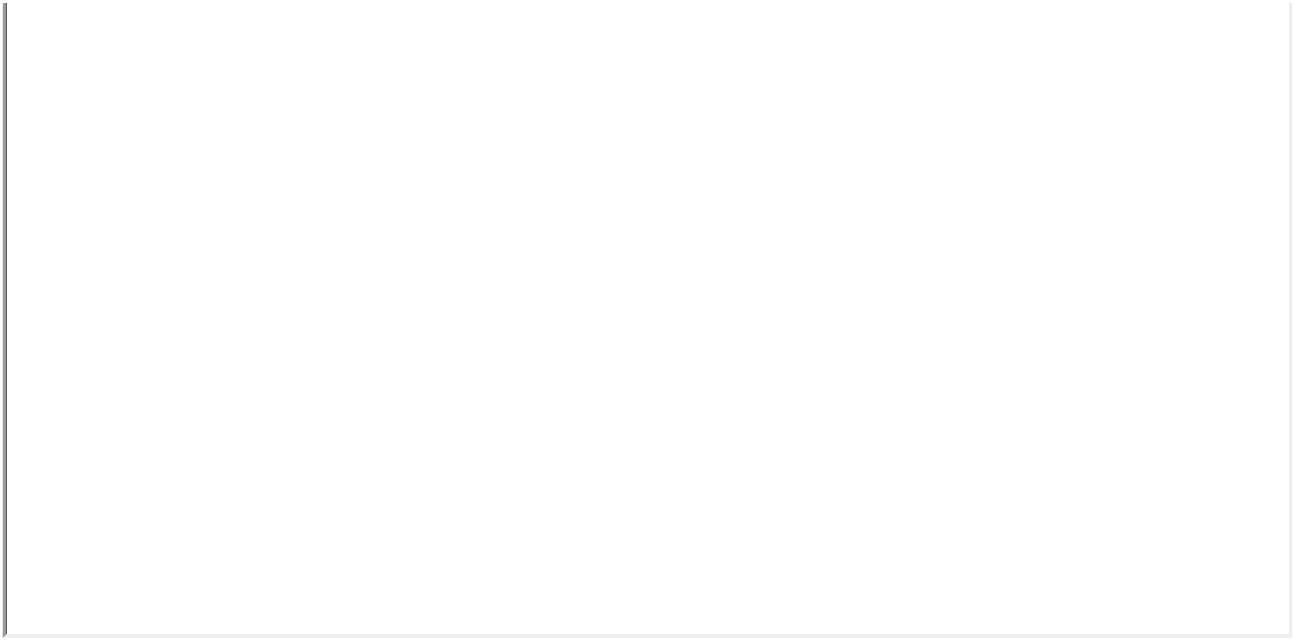
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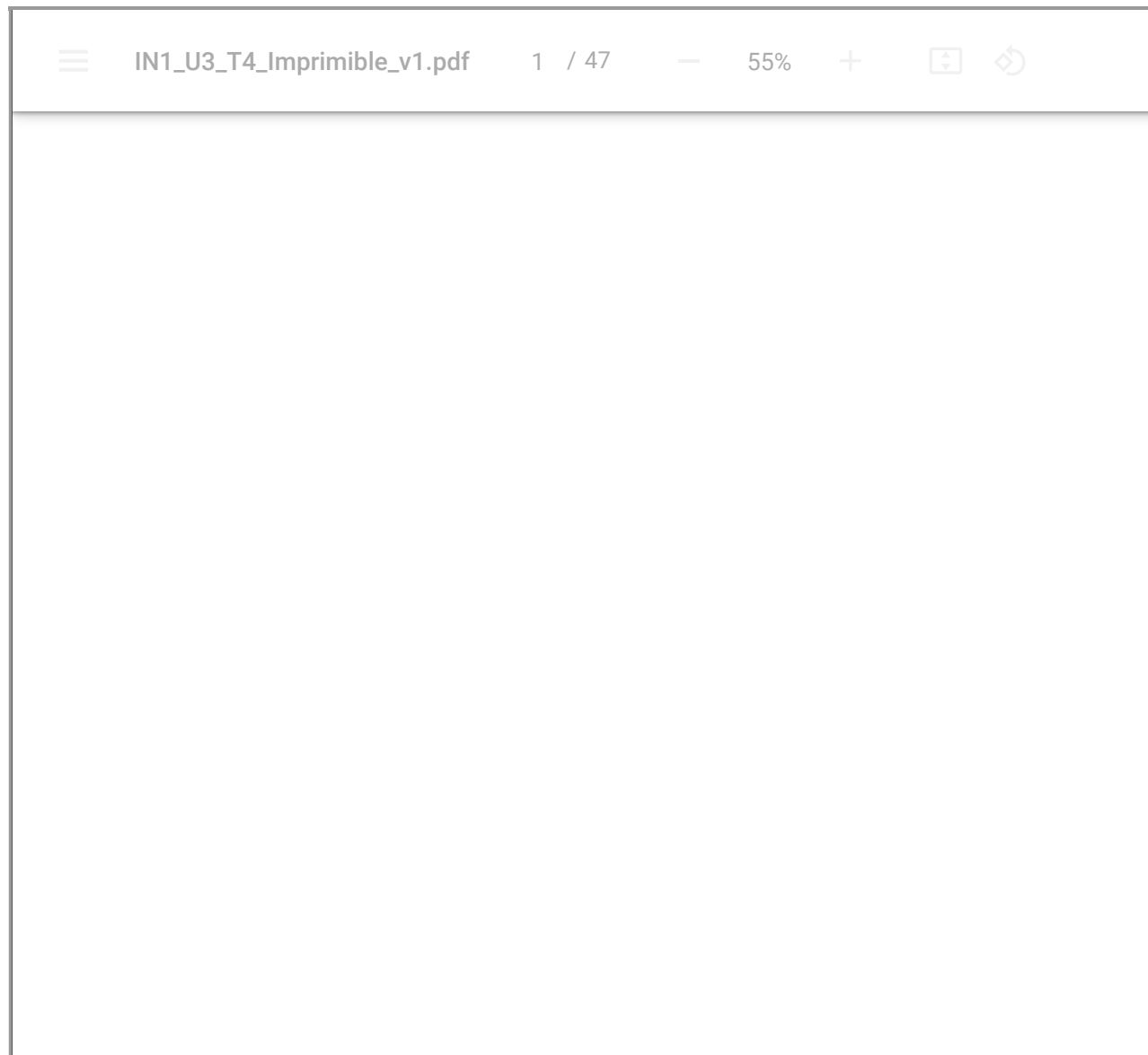




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