**Plurals of Words Ending in –o**

1. Give the plural forms of these words.

potato

echo

tomato

hero

volcano

Write a rule to describe the spelling pattern. “When the word ends in \_\_, then you \_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. Now consider these words and give their plural forms.

 radio

 studio

 zoo

 ratio

Write a rule to describe the spelling pattern of these words.

There are some exceptions to the patterns you found above.

Some words have two correct plural spellings, such as *zeros, zeroes; avocados, avocadoes*, though one is more common. Which looks better to you?

Abbreviated words add only -s: *kilos, photos*. What are the unabbreviated forms of these words?

And the plurals of *o*-ending words borrowed from Italian are spelled with just -*s* in the plural: *pianos, concertos, solos, altos, sopranos*.

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