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CHAPTER 1.

Nouns:

errors in number

„ „ case

„ „ gender

„ „ agreement

(A) NUMBER

1. *I see two flys in the garden.*

I see two flies in the garden.

army

armys

armies

duty

dutys

duties

lady

ladys

ladies

toy

toies

toys

key

keies

keys

boy

boies

boys

monkey

monkeies

monkeys

2. *There are many branchs on the tree.*

There are many branches on the tree.

ch, sh, s, x, z es

ch k s.

bench	benchs	benches
box	boxs	boxes
brush	brushs	brushes
glass	glasss	glasses
topaz	topazs	topazes
monarch	monarches	monarchs
patriarch	patriarches	patriarchs

3. *He kills two wolfs.*

He kills two wolves.

f, fe,	f, fe, ves,	
wife	wifes	wives
knife	knifes	knives
thief	thiefs	thieves
calf	calfs	calves
shelf	shelfs	shelves
leaf	leafs	leaves
life	lifes	lives
half	halfs	halves
myself	myselfs	ourselves
elf	elfs	elves

4. *A horse has four hooves.*

A horse has four hoofs.

chief	chieves	chiefs
roof	rooves	roofs
proof	prooves	proofs
gulf	gulves	gulfs



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grief	grieves	griefs
strife	strives	strifes
safe	saves	safes
turf	turves	turfs
wharf	wharfs,	wharves.

5. *Same negros live in America.*

Same negroes live in America.

o, o

herp	heros	es, heroes
buffalo	buffalos	buffaloes
motto	mottos	motatoes
cargo	cargos	cargoes
mango	mangos	mangoes
potato	potatos	potatoes
volcano	volcanos	volcanoes
echo	echos	echoes
tornado	tornados	tornadoes

6. *We have three pianoes in our school.*

We have three pianos in our school.

canto	cantoes	cantos
solo	soloes	solos
quarto	quartoes	quartos
halo	haloes	halos (or halos)
zero	zeroes	zeros (zeroes)

CHAPTER I.

Nouns:

errors in number

„ „ case

„ „ gender

„ „ agreement

(A) NUMBER

1. (誤) *I see two flys in the garden.*

(正) *I see two flies in the garden.*

(註) 凡名詞末尾一字母爲 *y* 而 *y* 之前又有子音者, 則在變多數時, 須將 *y* 變 *i*, 再加 *es*。  
但 *y* 之前爲母音時, 則只加 *s*。

單 數	多 數			
army	誤	<i>armys</i>	正	armies
duty		<i>dutys</i>		duties
lady		<i>ladys</i>		ladies

單 數	多 數			
toy	誤	<i>toies</i>	正	toys
key		<i>keies</i>		keys
boy		<i>boies</i>		boys
monkey		<i>monkeies</i>		monkeys

2. (誤) *There are many branches on the tree.*

(正) *There are many branches on the tree.*

(註) 凡名詞末尾爲 ch, sh, s, x, z 者, 變多數時,

須加 *es*, 但名詞末尾之 *ch* 讀音爲 *k*, 則僅

加 *s*。

單 數	多 數			
bench	誤	<i>benchs</i>	正	benches
box		<i>boxs</i>		boxes
brush		<i>brushs</i>		brushes
glass		<i>glasss</i>		glasses

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單 數	多 數			
✓topaz	誤	<i>topazs</i>	正	topazes
✓monarch		<i>monarches</i>		monarchs
✓patriarch		<i>patriarches</i>		patriarchs

3. (誤) *He kills two wolfs.*

(正) He kills two wolves.

(註) 凡名詞之末尾爲f或fe時，其多數須變  
f或fe爲ves。

單 數	多 數			
wife	誤	<i>wifes</i>	正	wives
knife		<i>knifes</i>		knives
thief		<i>thiefs</i>		thieves
calf		<i>calfs</i>		calves
✓shelf		<i>shelvs</i>		shelves

單 數	多 數			
leaf	誤	<i>leafs</i>	正	leaves
life		<i>lifes</i>		lives
half		<i>halfs</i>		halves
myself		<i>myselfs</i>		ourselves
elf		<i>elfs</i>		elves

4. (誤) *A horse has four hooves.*

(正) A horse has four hoofs.

(註) 此爲例外，下表須銘之於心，因其無規可循。

單 數	多 數			
chief	誤	<i>chieves</i>	正	chiefs
roof		<i>rooves</i>		roofs
proof		<i>prooves</i>		proofs
gulf		<i>gulves</i>		gulfs

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單 數	多 數			
grief	誤	<i>grieves</i>	正	griefs
✓strife		<i>strives</i>		strifes
safe		<i>saves</i>		safes
✓turf		<i>turves</i>		turfs

(注意) Wharf 一字，變多數時，可爲 Wharfs, 亦可爲 Wharves。

5. (誤) *Some negros live in America.*

(正) *Some negroes live in America.*

(註) 凡名詞末尾爲 o, 而 o 之前爲子音者, 變多數時, 須加 es。

單 數	多 數			
hero	誤	<i>heros</i>	正	heroes
buffalo		<i>buffalos</i>		buffaloes
✓motto		<i>mottos</i>		mottoes
✓cargo		<i>cargos</i>		cargoes



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單 數	多 數			
mango	誤	<i>mangos</i>	正	mangoes
potato		<i>potatos</i>		potatoes
volcano		<i>volcanos</i>		volcanoes
✓echo		<i>echos</i>		echoes
✓tornado		<i>tornados</i>		tornadoes

6. (誤) *We have three pianoes in our school.*

(正) We have three pianos in our school.

(註) 同第四條

單 數	多 數			
✓canto	誤	<i>cantoes</i>	正	cantos
solo		<i>soloes</i>		solos
✓quarto		<i>quartoes</i>		quartos
✓halo		<i>haloes</i>		halos
✓zero		<i>zeroes</i>		zeros (or zeroes)

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7. (誤) *There are three cuckooes in the forest.*

(正) *There are three cuckoos in the forest.*

(註) 凡名詞末尾爲 oo, io, eo, 或 yo 者, 變多數時, 仍只加 s。

單 數		多 數		多 數
bamboo	誤	<i>bambooes</i>	正	bamboos
cuckoo		<i>cuckooes</i>		cuckoos
✓cameo		<i>cameoes</i>		cameos
✓portfolio		<i>portfolioes</i>		portfolios
✓hindoo		<i>hindooes</i>		hindooes
✓curio		<i>curioes</i>		curios
✓embryo		<i>embryoes</i>		embryos

8. (誤) *The oxes are grazing.*

(正) *The oxen are grazing.*

(註) 有若干名詞, 由單數變多數時, 無規則可循, 表列如下:

單 數	多 數
man	men
woman	women
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
✓ louse	lice
mouse	mice
goose	geese
child	children

9. (誤) *His whereabouts are not known to me.*

(正) *His whereabouts is not known to me.*

(註) 有若干名詞，形爲多數，而意爲單數，如：

(1) gallows (2) news (3) measles (4) mathematics  
✓(5) optics ✓(6) physics ✓(7) wages ✓(8) pains

⑩ (誤) *This cattle is mine*

(正) *These cattle are mine.*

(註) 有若干名詞，形爲單數，而意爲多數，如：

(1) cattle (2) vermin (3) people (4) swine