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Topic: Common Errors: Noun

Unfortunately it is not so easy to recognize the number of a noun because the spelling of a noun is a very poor guide to its number. It is for the reason we should pay attention to certain exceptions.

Type 1 Some nouns are always singular in form (furniture, luggage, baggage, jewellery, information, clothing, equipment) but plural in use.

- a. She has sold all her furniture.
- b. His entire luggage is left on the airport.
- c. All information about corona virus is not true.

Type 2 Some nouns are true plural. They are always plural in forms and in its use (spectacles, shears, tongs, binoculars, earrings, trousers, slippers).

- a. His spectacles are broken.
- b. My trousers are torn
- c. Her slippers are new.

Type 3 Some nouns are plural in form but singular in use: news, mathematics, physics, measles, mumps, billiards, summons:

- a. This news is bad.
- b. A summons has been received.
- c. Physics is a branch of science

Type 4: Some nouns are singular in form but plural in use: cattle, people, gentry clergy, nobility, cavalry

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- a. The clergy have always stood in the way of progress.
- b. The nobility have always oppressed the peasantry in several ways.
- c. The cattle are grazing in the field.

Type 5 Some nouns have the same spelling in singular and plural forms: poultry, deer, fish, sheep, salmon, police, public.

- a. A flock of sheep is grazing in the field.
- b. Sheep are grazing in the field.
- c. He has five sheep and seven deer.

TEST YOURSELF

- 1. I have received no informations.
- 2. I eat vegetable.
- 3. She has sold all her furnitures.
- 4. Peoples don't like to stay in home.
- 5. His sheeps are grazing in the field.
- 6. He gave me a ten rupees note.
- 7. Public is against the lockdown.
- 8. I am learning a new poetry.
- 9. Peoples are spreading a lot of rumours about the corona virus.
- 10. The latest news about the corona virus give us some hope.