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False Singulars

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Some nouns, because they end in a “plural” form, are mistakenly taken to be plurals even though they should be treated as singular and take a singular verb (eg, measles, mumps, mathematics, genetics). Measles is a deadly disease in underdeveloped countries. A few nouns are usually used in the plural form; however, the distinction between plural and singular should be retained where appropriate. (See also , Grammar, Subject-Verb Agreement, False Plurals.) |