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**Nouns with Different Meanings in the Singular and the Plural**

Some nouns have different meanings in the singular and the plural. Examples are given below:

**Air** – atmosphere

**Airs** – affected manners

**Blind** – unable to see because of injury, disease, or a congenital condition.

**Blinds** – a screen for a window, especially one on a roller or made of slats.

**Character**– the mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual.

**Characters**- People in a novel, play, or film

**Custom** – a traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.

**Customs** -the official department that administers and collects the duties levied by a government on imported goods.

**Content** – Someone who is in a state of peaceful happiness.

**Contents** – the things that are held or included in something.

**Good** -having the required qualities; of a high standard.

**Goods** – merchandise or possessions.

**Force** – strength or energy as an attribute of physical action or movement.

**Forces** – an organized military force equipped for fighting on land, sea or air.

**Spectacle** – a visually striking performance or display OR Some visual scene.

**Spectacles** – a pair of glasses.

**Wood** – the hard fibrous material that forms the main substance of the trunk or branches of a tree or shrub, used for fuel or timber

**Woods** -an area of land, smaller than a forest, that is covered with growing trees.

**Manner** – a way or method in which a thing is done or happens.

**Manners** – polite or well-bred social behavior OR etiquette one follows.