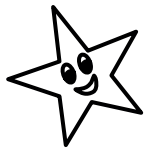# Plurals -retaining Latin spelling

* Changing a final "us" to "i" is an example of retaining Latin spelling when forming plurals.

example: | cactus | - us then + i to make the plural = | cacti |

Make plurals from these words by removing the 'us' and adding 'i':

cactus _____   fungus _____

radius _____   octopus _____

* Sometimes "i" is changed to "e" to form a plural, retaining Latin spelling.

example: | crisis | change 'i' to 'e' to make the plural = | crises |
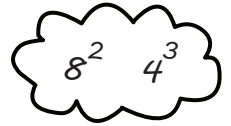
Oh No! Not again!

Make plurals from these words by changing the 'i' to 'e':

axis _____   basis _____

* Sometimes the final "ix" or "ex" is removed and "ices" is added, retaining Latin spelling.

example: | index | + ices to make the plural = | indices |

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Make plurals from these words by changing 'ex' to 'ices':

vertex _____   matrix _____

Write sentences using the plural forms of these words:

fungus _____

radius _____

cactus _____

octopus _____

axis _____

Write the meaning of these words:

fungus _____

radius _____

crisis _____

vertex _____

axis _____

(Many of these older forms of plurals are becoming more accepted by simply adding "es".)