

Non-obvious threes without heavy letters that can be pluralised

Hooks Which can be Pluralised with (E)S

AAL	an Indian shrub
ABA	an outer garment worn by Arab women
ABB	a textile yarn
ABO	an aboriginal
AGA	a Turkish commander
AIA	an Indian nurse-maid
AIN	a Hebrew letter
AIT	a small island
ALA	an outgrowth on a fruit
ALB	a priest's long, white vestment
ALP	a mountain
ALT	a high tone
AMA	a maid (also AMAH)
AMI	a friend (Fr.)
AMP	short for am pere or amplifier
AMU	a unit of mass
ANA	in equal quantities (in recipes)
ANE	Scots for one
ANI	a tropical American bird
ANN	a payment to a parish minister's widow
ARB	a short form of arbitrageur, a stocks and shares shyster
ARD	a primitive plough
ARF	a barking sound
AWL	a pointed tool for boring
AYU	a small edible Japanese fruit
BAC	university degree of bachelor
BAL	a balmoral shrub
BAP	a large, flat breakfast roll
BEL	a measure of noise
BEN	a mountain
BEY	a Turkish governor
BIO	a short form of biography
BOD	a person
BOH	an exclamation used to startle someone
BOK	a goat or antelope
BOR	East Anglian form of address meaning neighbour
CAY	a low islet
CEE	the letter 'C'
CEL	a short form of celluloid
CEP	a kind of edible mushroom
CHA	tea
CHI	feminine of chal, a fellow or person (also KHI)
CID	a chief, captain or hero
CIT	contemptuous term for one who is not a gentleman
COR	a Hebrew measure
COS+	a crisp, long-leaved lettuce
DAH	same as DA (a Burmese knife)
DAK	in India, the mail or post
DAL	a kind of Indian edible pea
DAN	a level of efficiency in Japanese combative sports
DEB	colloq. form of debutante
DEL	a mathematical symbol
DEV	a hindu god (also DEVA)
DEY	formerly, the pasha of Algiers
DIV	an evil spirit of Persian mythology
DOC	contraction of doctor
DOH	a musical note
DOL	a unit of pain intensity
DOM	a title given to certain monks
DOO	Scots word for dove or pigeon
DSO	same as ZO, DZO, ZHO, DZHO (a Himalayan ox)
EAU	water (Fr.)
EDH	a letter used in old English (also ETH)
EFT	a newt
ELD	old word for age or old age
ELL	a measure of length
ELT	a young sow
EME	obs. word for uncle
EMF	electromotive force

ENE	poetic for even
ENG	a phonetic symbol
ERG	a unit of work
ERK	a slang word for aircraftsman
ESS+	same as ES (the letter 'S')
EST	a programme designed to develop human potential
ETA	a letter of the Greek alphabet
ETH	same as EDH, above
FAH	same as FA (a musical note)
FAW	a gypsy
FEH	a pe, or peh (a Hebrew coin)
FEM	a passive homosexual
FID	a conical pin of hard wood
FOH	an interjection expressing disgust or contempt (also PHO)
FOU	a bushel
FOY	allegiance, loyalty
GAL	a girl
GAT	a pistol
GAU	a German political district of the Nazi regime
GED	a food fish
GEN	general information
GHI	clarified butter (also GHEE)
GID	a sheep disease
GIO	a gully or creek (also GOE, GEO)
GIT	a stupid person
GNU	an African antelope
GOA	a Tibetan gazelle
GOE	same as GIO, above
GON	a geometrical grade
GOO	a sticky substance
GOV	short form of governor (also GUV)
GOY	a Gentile
GUB	a white man
GUE	same as GU (a violin formerly used in Shetland)
GUL	a design in oriental carpets
GUP	gossip, prattle
GUR	an unrefined, sweet cane sugar
GUV	same as GUV, above
HAH	a sound of surprise
HEH	a Hebrew letter
HEP	a rosehip
HET	slang word for heterosexual
HIN	a Hebrew liquid measure
HON	short for honey, as a term of endearment
HUN	a barbarous and destructive person
IDE	a type of fish
ION	an electrically charged particle
ISH+	legal word meaning issue or expiry
ISM	any distinctive theory or fad
ISO	short for isolated replay, a TV and film facility
ITA	the miriti palm
KAB	an ancient Hebrew unit of measure
KAF	a Hebrew letter (also KAPH)
KAI	in New Zealand, a meal
KAT	same as QAT, KHAT (an East African shrub)
KAY	the letter 'K'
KEA	a large New Zealand parrot
KED	a wingless fly that infests sheep
KEF	a drug that produces a dreamy repose (also KIF)
KET	Scots word for carrion, rotting flesh
KHI	same as CHI, above
KIF	same as KEF, above
KOA	a Hawaiian acacia
KOB	an African waterbuck
KOP	a South African word for hill
KOR	a Hebrew unit of measure
KOS+	an Indian measure of distance (also COSS)
KOW	a bunch of twigs
KYU	a novice grade in judo
LAB	a short form of laboratory
LAC	a dark-red resin

LAH	same as LA (a musical note)	OYE	same as OE, OY (a grandchild)
LAR	the god relating top a house	PAC	a shoe patterned after a moccasin
LAT	short form of latrine	PAH	same as PA (a Maori port or settlement)
LAV	short form of lavatory	PAM	the knave of clubs
LEA	a meadow or pasture	PEC	colloq. shortening of pectoral muscle
LES+	same as LEZ (short form of lesbian)	PED	a shortening of pedestrian
LOD	a statistic relating to the odds of an event	PEH	same as PE (a Hebrew letter)
LOY	a long, narrow spade	PHI	a letter of the Greek alphabet
LUM	a chimney (Scots)	PHO	same as FOH, above
LUR	a Bronze Age trumpet	PIA	a tropical plant
LYE	a short branch of a railway	PIC	colloq. for picture
MAC	a short form of mackintosh	PIR	a Muslim title of honour, given to a holy man
MAE	more	POA	a meadow-grass plant
MAK	same as make	POI	a Hawaiian dish of fermented taro
MAL	pain, sickness (Fr.)	POL	a politician
MAM	dial. for mother	POM	colloq. for Pomeranian dog
MEG	a halfpenny	POW	head (Scots)
MEL	honey	PSI	a letter of the Greek alphabet
MEM	a Hebrew letter	PUS+	thick yellowish bodily fluid
MEU	the spignel plant	PYA	a copper coin of Burma
MHO	a unit of electrical inductance	RAI	a modern North African form of popular music
MIB	a type of playing marble (also MIG)	RAS+	an Ethiopian prince
MIG	same as MIB, above	REB	a Confederate soldier
MIL	a unit of wire measurement	REC	a recreation ground
MIR	a Muslim ruler	REE	an enclosure for sheep (Scots)
MNA	a Greek unit of weight or money (also MINA)	REG	a regulation
MOA	a gigantic extinct bird	REH	an accumulation of salts on soil
MOC	a moccasin	REI	a Portugeuse coin
MOD	a Highland Gaelic festival	REM	a unit of radiation dosage
MOE	a wry face	RES+	a short form of reservation
MOL	a mole	RHO	a letter of the Greek alphabet
MOM	Amer. colloq. for mother	ROE	a mass of fish eggs (adj. ROED)
MON	a Japanese family badge or crest	ROM	a gypsy man
MOR	a layer of humus	ROO	a short form of kangaroo
MOT	a word (Fr.)	RYA	a type of Scandinavian rug
MOU	a mouth (Scots)	SAI	the capuchin monkey
MOY	a coin or a measure	SAL	a large North Indian tree
MUN	dial. for man	SAN	a Japanese form of address
MUT	alternative spelling of mutt	SEL	Scots form of self
NAM	distrain (also NAAM)	SEN	a Japanese monetary unit
NAN	slightly leavened bread (also NAAN)	SER	a unit of weight in India
NAT	colloq. form of nationalism	SIB	a blood relation
NAY	a denial	SIM	short for Simeonite, an evangelical
NED	a young hooligan	SIS+	a contraction of sister
NEF	a church nave	SNY+	a side channel of a river
NEK	a col, a pass in a mountain range (S. Afr.)	SOC	the right of holding a local court
NEP	dial. for catmint, a plant attractive to cats	SOH	a musical note (also SOL)
NID	a pheasant's nest or brood	SOL	same as SOH, above
NIT	a young louse; a fool	SOU	an old small French coin
NOB	a person of high social rank	SOV	short form of sovereign, a gold coin
NOM	name (Fr.)	SOY	dark, salty sauce made from fermented beans
NUR	a knot on a tree (also KNUR)	TAD	a small amount
OBA	in West Africa, a chief or ruler	TAI	a Japanese sea bream
OBE	a form of sorcery of African origin	TAK	Scots form of take
OBO	a vessel for carrying oil and bulk ore	TAM	a cap with a broad, circular flat top
ODA	a room in a harem	TAO	a path of virtuous conduct in Japanese philosophy
OHM	a unit of electrical resistance	TAU	a letter of the Greek alphabet
OHO	an expression of triumph or surprise	TAV	a Hebrew letter
OIK	an inferior person	TAY	dial. for tea
OKA	a Turkish unit of weight	TEF	an Ethiopian cereal grass
OOF	slang word for money	TEG	a heap in its second year
OOM	uncle (S. Afr.)	TEL	in Arab countries, a hill or mound
OON	Scots for oven	TET	a Hebrew letter (also TETH)
OOT	an out	TIC	an involuntary twitching of muscles
ORC	a killer whale (also ORCA)	TID	Scots word meaning mood
ORD	a point of a weapon	TIL	sesame
ORF	a viral infection of sheep	TOC	telecommunications code for the letter 'T'
ORT	a leftover from a meal	TOR	a hill
OSE	an esker, a narrow ridge of gravel and sand	TUM	colloq. word for stomach
OUD	a stringed instrument of Northern Africa	UDO	a Japanese species of aralia
OUK	Scots for week	UGH	an old representation of a cough or grunt
OWT	dial. for anything	UNI	colloq. for university

URB an urban area
 URD an Indian bean
 URE an extinct wild ox
 UTA any of a genus of large lizards
 UTE a short form of utility, a small truck
 UTU a Maori settlement of a debt
 VAE in Orkney or Shetland, a bay or creek (also VOE)
 VAR a unit of reactive power
 VAS+ a duct carrying liquid
 VAW a Hebrew letter (also VAV)
 VEE the letter 'V'
 VID short form of video
 VIN wine (Fr.)
 VIS+ Latin word for force
 VOE same as VAE, above
 VUG a cavity in a rock
 WAB a web
 WAE Scots for woe
 WAT a Thai Buddhist temple or monastery
 WAW Spens. for wave
 WEM old word for wame, the womb or belly
 WEN a sebaceous cyst
 WEY a measure for dry goods
 WOK a pan used in Chinese cookery
 WUS+ a Welsh term used for addressing a companion
 WYE the letter 'Y'
 YAH a variant of yea, an affirmative vote
 YAY an affirmative vote (also YEA)
 YEA same as yay, above
 YEP a variant of yes (also YUP)
 YEW a type of evergreen tree
 YID an offensive term for a Jew
 YIN one of two opposing principles of Chinese philosophy
 YOB a lout
 YOD a Hebrew letter
 YUG one of the four hindu ages of the world (also YUGA)
 YUP same as YEP, above

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AUF an elf's child
 AUK a type of sea-bird
 AVA an aromatic plant of the pepper family (also KAVA)
 AVE a recitation of the prayer to the Virgin MARY
 AVO a monetary unit of Macao
 BRA short form of brassiere
 BRO a place for which one feels a strong affinity
 BUB colloq. for baby
 CIG short for cigarette
 COL a pass in a mountain range
 CRU a vineyard (Fr.)
 CWM a Welsh word for valley
 ECU a European unit of currency
 EWT an old form of newt, a tailed amphibious animal
 FIL the shaft of a vehicle
 FLU a short form of influenza
 FRA Italian for brother
 FUD a rabbit or hare's tail
 FUM a fabulous Chinese bird (also FUNG)
 GEO same as GIO, GOE (a gully or creek)
 GYM a short form of gymnasium
 HUI a Maori gathering
 KIR a wine and blackcurrant drink
 KUE the letter Q
 LEI a garland or wreath
 LEY same as LEA (a meadow)
 LUD an old form of lord
 LUV love, as a term of endearment
 LYM Shak. for lyam, or leash
 OCA a South American wood-sorrel
 OKE a Turkish weight
 OLE a shout of approval
 OLM a blind salamander

PRO a short form of professional, or prostitute
 PUD colloq. for pudding
 PUL a coin of Afghanistan
 PUY a small volcanic cone
 RHY+ Spens. spelling of rye
 RIA a drowned valley
 ROC an enormous bird of Arabian legend (also ROK, RUC)
 ROK same as ROC, above
 RUC same as ROC, above
 SEC a secant
 SEG a stud in the sole of a shoe
 SEI a whale, a kind of porpoise
 SEY a part of a carcass of beef
 SRI sir, used as a Hindu title of respect
 SUD a rare singular form of sud
 SUK same as SUQ, SOUK (a market place)
 SWY+ an Australian two-up game
 TUI a New Zealand bird
 TWA Scots. form of two
 TYG an old drinking-cup with two or more handles
 UEY a U-turn
 UFO an unidentified flying object
 UKE a ukulele
 ULE a Central American rubber tree
 ULU an Eskimo knife
 UVA a grape or grape-like berry
 VAU an obsolete letter in the Greek alphabet
 VAV a Hebrew letter
 VEG+ short for vegetable
 VIG a vigorish, a charge paid to a bookie on a bet
 VLY+ low-lying wet ground, a swamp
 VOL in heraldry, two wings displayed and conjoined
 WYN a rune, having the value of modern English 'w'

Threes Having Unusual 'S' Plural Forms

ALL the whole; everything and everybody
 AND the symbol ampersand; something added
 ARE a unit of metric land measure
 ATE reckless ambition that drives one to ruin
 BAD something that is evil
 DRY a prohibitionist (pl. DRYS)
 DUG the teat or udder of a female mammal
 FED U.S. slang for federal agent
 GAY a homosexual
 HOW a manner or means
 LAX+ a kind of salmon
 LIT the litas (monetary unit of Lithuania)
 MET a short form of meteorology
 MID short for midshipman; the middle
 NIL nothing
 NOW the present time
 OLD an individual of a specified age
 PRY (in plural form, PRYS) an old form of price
 RAW a sore or irritated spot
 SHE a female
 VIA a Latin word for road
 WHY the reason or cause of something (pl. WHYS)