

Serbian Irregular Nouns

There is a small class of irregular nouns that don't have predictable plural forms. In addition, some of these nouns have a different gender in singular and plural! Here is a partial list.

Table 1: Irregular nouns with different gender in singular and plural

	Singular - gender of noun	Plural – gender of noun
1.	dete 'child' - neuter	deca 'children' - feminine
2.	brat 'brother' – masculine	braća 'brothers' - feminine
3.	oko 'eye' – neuter	oči 'eyes' – feminine
4.	veče 'evening' – neuter	večeri* 'evenings' - feminine
5.	unuče 'grandchild' ' neuter	unučad 'grandchildren' - neuter

Notes:

- Amazing to think that the word meaning **brothers** is feminine. So you have to just learn it.
- *The noun **veče** 'evening' in plural has an extra 'r' **večeri**. In some dialects of Serbian (and also Croatian), even the singular has an 'r': **večer** 'evening', in which case, it is a feminine noun in both singular and plural. But this is aside note. So, just memorize what is shown in Table 11.