

Person vs persons vs people  
vs peoples

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Hi, I'm Dan from BBC Learning English and today I'm going to talk to you about **person** and **persons**, **people** and **peoples**.

A **person** is a human man, woman, or child. It is a singular countable noun. **There was one person at the door.**

The plural of **person** is **people**. It refers to a group or a number of human beings. It is a plural countable noun. **There were three people at the door.**

So how about **persons**?

**Persons** is a plural countable noun. It's similar to **people**, but it's considered more polite and more formal. It's most often seen written down. **This lift can hold a maximum of 15 persons.**

And **peoples**?

**Peoples** is the countable plural form of **people** and comes from the other meaning of **people**. **People** can mean nation. **The Aztecs were a people that lived in the Americas.** Or, **there are many peoples living on the Earth.** They are all human - so far.