



Grammatical Insanity Exercise

DP and complete the following form, in ink. Read each line carefully, using rhyme to help you supply the missing word.

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is _____,
 But the plural of ox becomes _____, not oxes.
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called _____,
 Yet the plural of _____ should never be meese.
 You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of _____,
 Yet the plural of house is _____, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called _____,
 Why shouldn't the plural of _____ be called pen?
 If I speak of my foot and show you my _____,
 And I give you a _____, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are _____,
 Why shouldn't the plural of _____ be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be _____,
 Yet _____ in the plural would never be hose,
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

Now the masculine pronouns are he, _____, and _____,
 But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!
 But she, _____, and _____, are the pronouns we render
 Whenever referring to the feminine _____.

And why is it that writers _____ and singers sing,
 But at least in English, fingers don't fing,

We speak of a _____ and also of brethren,
 And though we say _____, we never say methren.

And, in closing, one more thing I wish we drop
 If Mother's not Mop, why should Father be Pop?