# Christmas Gard Grammar



Making it merry and bright is all in the details. Here is your quick guide to pluralizing names for holiday cards-NO APOSTROPHES NEEDED, EVER.

These tips should help you address your Christmas cards with polished and correct formatting.

If you have already checked Christmas cards off your list this year, pat yourself on the back and save this handy reference for next season.



## For most families, simply add an -s.

Hall → The Halls Wilson  $\rightarrow$  The Wilsons Miller → The Millers

# Last names ending in S, CH, SH, X, or Z get an -es.

 $\text{Williams} \rightarrow \text{The Williamses}$ Lynch → The Lynches Bush  $\rightarrow$  The Bushes  $Fox \rightarrow The Foxes$ Schwartz → The Schwartzes

### If you are unsure of the correct plural form, use "The [Last Name] Family."

The Thomas Family The Lopez Family

### Order of Names in Couples

For married couples with different last names, list the names in alphabetical order—Lisa Brown and John Smith

For married couples with the same last name and without using "Mr. and Mrs.," do not separate a man from his last name—Jane and John Smith

When using "Mr. and Mrs.," the man's name is traditionally used—Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

### Always capitalize proper nouns, including family names and titles

Happy Holidays from The Jacksons!

