My Slavic Studies

Russian Cases [Nominative PLURAL]

[!] The nominative is the **first** of the six cases.
[!] The nominative answers the questions **кто**? and **что**?
More clearly, its **role** is to indicate **who** or **what** the **subject** is.
[!] Understanding the nominative is key to understanding the other cases.

This is considered the *base* plural.
Forming it requires you to be aware of each noun's gender.

Masculine

consonant **+ ы**	**автобус = автобусы**
-й becomes **-и**	**музей = музеи**
-ь becomes **-и**	**медведь = медведи**

Автобусы каждый день ходят по городу.
Busses travel around the city every day.

Feminine

-а becomes **-ы**	**гора = горы**
-я becomes **-и**	**неделя = недели**
-ь becomes **-и**	**очередь = очереди**

Недели быстро прошли.
The weeks went by quickly.

Neuter

-е becomes **-я**	**море = моря**
-о becomes **-а**	**окно = окна**

Двери квадратные, а окна круглые.
The doors are square and the windows are round.

Quick reference:
For both m. and f. nouns: hard ending = **ы**, while soft ending = **и**.
For n. nouns: hard ending = **а**, while soft ending = **я**.