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What's the correct plural of Jedi and Sith?

Lots of times, I see people using "Jedis" and "Siths" (I also use that), but it doesn't feel right. Or, maybe, it's correct.

Is there official word on this? What's the correct plural of Jedi and Sith?

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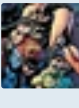
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Nuli♦

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asked Mar 26 '15 at 0:42



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The words "Jedis" and "Siths" aren't used in any of the scripts or novelisations. – Valorum Mar 26 '15 at 0:54

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It's actually a good question. I see the incorrect plural forms often all over the Internet. This will be a useful question to point people to. You got my +1. – Nuli♦ Mar 26 '15 at 2:26

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Just think of the Jedi and the Sith as fish. – Daft Mar 26 '15 at 9:39

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Maybe just like latin words Jedi is plural, and the singular form is Jedus? :p – Lyrion Mar 26 '15 at 9:49

@Lyrion

Haha.. That's awesome! – Bat Mar 26 '15 at 11:41

3 Answers

Jedi:

Mace Windu: ...you must realize there aren't enough Jedi to protect the Republic. We are keepers of the peace, not soldiers. -- Episode II

Sith:

It's difficult to find conclusive proof that the plural of "Sith" is "Sith" because (a) there are so few Sith and (b) the plural is usually given as "Sith Lords". These are the best I can find in the scripts:

Yoda: Destroy the Sith, we must. -- Episode III

and

Anakin: The Sith rely on their passion for their strength. They think inward, only about themselves. -- Episode III

Yoda and Anakin may be referring to the Sith Order rather than multiple Sith (Sidious and Vader in Yoda's case). In Anakin's case in particular, though, he uses the plural "their", "they", and "themselves" in the two sentences, so it's quite possible he is referring to individual members of the Sith Order. It would also make little sense to say that the Sith Order has "passion for their strength", so it's more likely he's referring to individual Sith members.


Also, this [archived page from starwars.com](#) describes the Sith and says:

Power-hungry Sith practitioners fought amongst themselves and dwindled their numbers. Weakened by infighting, the Sith were easily wiped out by the Jedi.

Again, this may refer to the Sith Order rather than multiple Sith, but the previous sentence refers to Sith practitioners rather than the order.

As @Richard noted in a comment, there is no use of "Jedis" or "Siths" in any of the scripts (even in the non-dialogue scene descriptions).


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answered Mar 26 '15 at 1:45



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I have my doubts that citing Yoda to answer *grammar* questions leads to somewhere... – Holger Mar 26 '15 at 10:48

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@Holger Yoda says his words out of order but doesn't use incorrect plurals. Nonetheless, I found and added a quote by Anakin that I think is more conclusive. Better now? – Nuli♦ Mar 26 '15 at 13:28

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@Nuli: I know that, as far as I know, all uses are consistent and I agree with your answer. It's just irresistible to comment on cites of Yoda in a grammar question... or well, to comment on cites of Yoda in a grammar question, irresistible it is... – Holger Mar 26 '15 at 13:40

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@Holger Heh, yes, a good joke, it is. But also useful, it was. Spurred me to find a better quote, it did. – Nuli♦ Mar 26 '15 at 13:45

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@Holger Technically, Yoda's speaking is grammatical, just unusual. The word order works as far as English grammar rules are concerned. – KRyan Mar 26 '15 at 15:14

The correct answer is "Jedi" and "Sith".


Obi-Wan: But he still has much to learn, Master. His abilities have made him... well arrogant.

Yoda: Yes. Yes. A flaw more and more common among Jedi. Too sure of themselves they are. Even the older, more experienced ones.

Obi-Wan: You were the chosen one! It was said that you would destroy the Sith, not join them. You were to bring balance to the force, not leave it in darkness.

Anakin Skywalker: [shouts] I hate you.


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Your second quote doesn't really illustrate your point; "Sith" is also a word to describe the group, so saying "the Sith" isn't using it as a plural – Jason Baker Mar 26 '15 at 1:00

Why did you include Yoda who doesn't know grammar well? – Bat Mar 26 '15 at 1:08

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@JasonBaker He is clearly referring to them in plural, see " not join them". – Josh Schwarzeskywalker Mar 26 '15 at 1:18

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@SS Yoda changes sentence structure, he seems to have a firm grasp on plurality and all other grammar. I'll find you another quote if the fact there's never an "s" on "jedi" or "sith" anywhere isn't enough. – Josh Schwarzeskywalker Mar 26 '15 at 1:22

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@JasonBaker, it does illustrate it. Would you say "the German" when talking about German citizenry? – Paul Draper Mar 26 '15 at 17:10

"The Jedi" refers collectively to the group. You can probably go either way with the plural: "There are 3 Jedi(s) in the next room" / "There are 3 Jedi masters in the next room".

"Siths" sounds like you have a speech impediment.

And don't quote Yoda here. Bad example his grammar is, mmmmyessssssss.

answered Mar 26 '15 at 1:22



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Yoda's grammar is actually perfect, just not usual. – T. Sar Mar 26 '15 at 16:44

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-1. Answer is incorrect and poorly formatted as well. – Omegaaron Mar 26 '15 at 17:58