



Presentation

Countable nouns are words for things that you can count. They have both a singular and a plural form. You can use them with *a/an* and numbers:

one phone, two phones, an announcement, two announcements.

Uncountable nouns are words for things that you cannot count, e.g. *music, liquid*. They are singular. You cannot use them with *a/an* or numbers. They have no plural forms.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
an apple	music / news
two apples	a piece of music
some apples	some music / news

When you want to measure uncountable nouns, or talk about a specific quantity you can use an expression with *a/an* or a number and *of*: *a cup of coffee, three bottles of water, a bowl of salad, two tins of soup, a packet of sugar*.

TIP Some nouns which are uncountable in English are often countable in other languages: *luggage, money, news, information, advice*.

Say *some information, a piece of luggage* (don't say *some informations, some luggages*)

Some nouns can be both countable and uncountable with different meanings:

Keep your luggage with you at all times. (= on all occasions)

Quick, we haven't got much time! (= the general concept of time)

I love Italian coffee. (= uncountable)

Can I have three coffees, please? (= three cups of coffee)

Can I have some cake? (= part of a cake)

Can I have some cakes? (= a number of whole cakes)

You use *some* with uncountable nouns and plural countable nouns: *some music, some cups*

Plural nouns

You usually form plural nouns by adding *-s*, *-es* or *-ies*:

belt/belts, key/keys, watch/watches, family/families

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Some nouns have an irregular plural form:

child/children, man/men

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1 Add a/an to the countable nouns and some to the uncountable nouns.


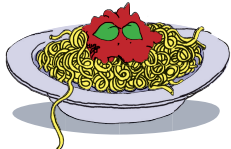
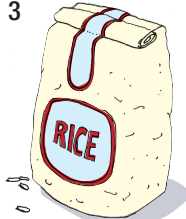
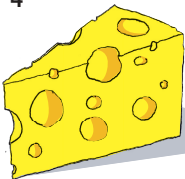
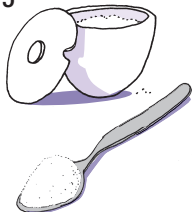
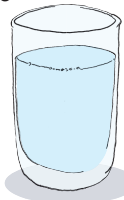


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| 1 <u>an</u> apple | 6 _____ child | 11 _____ song |
| 2 <u>some</u> orange juice | 7 _____ family | 12 _____ tooth |
| 3 _____ box | 8 _____ foot | 13 _____ toothpaste |
| 4 _____ bus | 9 _____ music | 14 _____ toy |
| 5 _____ meat | 10 _____ snow | 15 _____ watch |

2 Write the plural form of the countable nouns in exercise 1.

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| 1 <u>apples</u> | 3 _____ | 5 _____ | 7 _____ | 9 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 4 _____ | 6 _____ | 8 _____ | 10 _____ |

3 Complete the labels with the words in the box.

bread cheese pasta rice sugar toothpaste water wine

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| 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  |
| 1 a bottle of <u>wine</u> | 5 a spoonful of _____ | 7  | 8  | | |
| 2 a plate of _____ | 6 a glass of _____ | | | | |
| 3 a kilo of _____ | 7 a slice of _____ | | | | |
| 4 a piece of _____ | 8 a tube of _____ | | | | |

4 Correct the sentences. One sentence is correct.

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| 1 I'd like some informations about the new English course. | 4 She let the sand run slowly between her fingers. |
| 2 Excuse me, can I ask you for an advice? | 5 Have you got any moneys I can borrow? |
| 3 Quiet, please. I have one important news to give you. | 6 I'm sorry, I haven't got a time to talk. I'm late for work. |

5 Complete the sentences a) and b) with the pairs of words in the box.

glasses / glass light / lights paper / papers room / rooms time / times cake / cakes

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| 1 a How many _____ a week do you go to the gym? | |
| b How much _____ have we got before the train arrives? | |
| 2 a The Christmas _____ look wonderful. | |
| b Can you open the curtains, please. We need some _____ in here. | |
| 3 a Is there enough _____ in your car for one more person? | |
| b It's a big house. It's got ten _____. | |
| 4 a Be careful where you put your feet. There's some broken _____ on the floor. | |
| b Can I have two _____ of water, please? | |
| 5 a There's no _____ in the photocopier. | |
| b Have you seen the _____ today? They've all got the same story on the front page. | |
| 6 a I loved those _____ your mum made for the party. Can I have the recipe? | |
| b Are you hungry? Would you like a sandwich or some _____. | |