



Revision

Pre-Intermediate 2 Unit 5

Definite&Indefinite articles

Countable and Uncountable nouns

Articles:

a, an, the

come before a noun (a person, a place, a thing)

man

apple

house

arm

umbrella

organization

insect

elephant

horse

honest woman



An used before **singular** nouns that start in a vowel sound A, E, I, O, U



Eye

Ice cream

Onion

Umbrella

Ant

Hour (vowel sound) A handsome man (/h/ sound)

Muffin

Book

Laptop

Kleenex

Cookie

Shirt



1-Countable and uncountable nouns



1-Countable nouns:

Nouns that have both a singular and plural form and can be counted

(we use a/an/ some& a lot of (+)/ few/ a few/ many (- ?))

1-Rule: We change singular countable nouns to plural by putting -S

A dog



A table

A vase

BUT

2-If the singular countable noun ends with X, S, SS, CH, SH, O we change them to plural by putting -es at the end of the word

Box

Bus

Glass

Church

Brush

Piano

3-If the singular countable word ends with a vowel +y, we put -s after -y

Toy

Key

Day

Guy

But if it ends with consonant+y, we delete -y and put -ies

Story

University

Baby

Family

4-If the singular countable word ends with -f(e) , we put -ves

Leaf

Loaf



Wife

Life

5- An irregular singular countable noun changes altogether

Man

Person

Woman

Mouse

Tooth



2- Uncountable nouns:

Nouns that have no plural form and cannot be counted.

(we use some& a lot (+) little/ a little/ much (- ?) of with uncountable nouns)

Which of the following words is countable/uncountable?

Cereal

A cereal bag

Tin

Tin can

Parking

Parking lot/spot/space

Traffic

Traffic jam/sign/light

Yoghurt

Yoghurt pots/cup

How do we change words to plural?



1-If the words are **countable**, we put -s/ some/a lot of/few/ a few/ many:

-s

Some

A lot of (used for big countable quantities)

Few/a few .(used with small countable quantities)

Many (questions/ negative) Do you have many ?

I don't have many

2- If the words are **uncountable**, we put some/ a lot of/ little/ a little/ much:

Some

A lot of (used for big uncountable quantities)

Little/ a little (used for small uncountable quantities)

Much (questions/negative) Do you have much ?

I don't have much

Put any/many /much/ few/ little in the blanks:

1. I don't have furniture to give away
 2. Do you need spoons?
 3. We don't need courage to say the truth.
 4. The students have laptops to do their projects.
 5. The cake needed more sugar.
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To change the following words from uncountable to countable, think mostly about the **containers** we put them into:

Information

Knowledge



Money

Culture

Water

Flour

Meat

Traffic

Cereal

Education

Shoes

Parking

Tin

Yoghurt

compost

Affirmative	Negative	Interrogative
▶ COUNTABLE NOUNS		
I've got some books.	I haven't got any books.	Are there any books?
There are a lot of books.	There aren't many books.	How many books have you got?
She's got a few books.		
▶ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS		
I've got some water.	I haven't got any water.	Have you got any water?
There is a lot of water.	There isn't much water.	How much water have you got?
They've got a little water.		



Many (plural) (used with countable negative and question forms)

Much (plural) (used with Uncountable negative and question forms)

Any (used with negative and question forms) (General questions)

A few/few (used with countable nouns of small number)

A little/little (used with uncountable nouns of small number)

3-plural-looking words

Some nouns that end in -s look like they are plural, but they really are singular. This is particularly true of branches of knowledge, certain foods or dishes, certain diseases, and nouns expressing measurement.

The following words that end in S:

We use the singular verb **is** with them

Mathematics

Physics

Politics

Social studies

Measles

Mumps

rickets

We use plural verb **are** with the following words that end in S:

Why?



They have two parts

To make singular, we put **A Pair of**

Scissors



of scissors

Pants



of pants

Trousers

of trousers

Glasses-spectacles



of glasses/spectacles/shades/

Pliers



of pliers

Tongs



of tongs



Tweezers

of tweezers

Quantifiers:

some/any/ a lot of/ a few/ many/ much

They are used with countable and uncountable nouns

- 1) Some is used with countable and uncountable nouns in positive form.
- 2) **Any/many/much** are used with negative and question form.

Put the following quantifiers in the blanks: **many/ any/ much/some:**

I need _____ information.

I don't have _____ information. we only know a little.

I don't have _____ oranges left. Please go buy some.

Do you need _____ eggs in the recipe?

Some / a lot/ a few/ many are used with positive sentences

some/a lot/ any/ much are used with negative sentences:
