

train(s) bus(es) (singular and plural)

A

The plural of a noun is usually **-s**:

singular (= one) → plural (= two or more)

a flower → some **flowers**

a train → two **trains**

one week → a few **weeks**

a nice place → some nice **places**

this student → these **students**



a flower


some **flowers**

Spelling (→ Appendix 5):

-s / -sh / -ch / -x →

-es

bus → buses

dish → dishes

church → churches

box → boxes

also

potato → potatoes

tomato → tomatoes

-y →

-ies

baby → babies

dictionary → dictionaries

party → parties

but **-ay / -ey / -oy**

-ys

day → days

monkey → monkeys

boy → boys

-f / -fe →

-ves

shelf → shelves

knife → knives

wife → wives

B

These things are plural:



scissors



glasses



trousers



jeans



shorts



tights



pyjamas

☐ Do you wear **glasses**?

☐ Where **are** the **scissors**? I need **them**.

You can also say **a pair of scissors** / **a pair of trousers** / **a pair of pyjamas** etc.:

☐ I need **a new pair of jeans**. or I need **some new jeans**. (not a new jeans)

C

Some plurals do *not* end in **-s**:

this **man** → these **men**

one **foot** → two **feet**

that **sheep** → those **sheep**

a **woman** → some **women**

a **tooth** → all my **teeth**

a **fish** → a lot of **fish**

a **child** → many **children**

a **mouse** → some **mice**

also a **person** → **two people** / **some people** / **a lot of people** etc.:

☐ **She's** a nice **person**.

but ☐ **They** are nice **people**. (not nice persons)

D

People is plural (= they), so we say **people are** / **people have** etc.:

☐ **A lot of people speak** English. (not speaks)

☐ I like **the people** here. **They are** very friendly.

Police is plural:

☐ **The police want** to talk to anybody who saw the accident. (not The police wants)

Exercises

Unit
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66.1 Write the plural.

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|----------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 1 flower | <u>flowers</u> | 5 umbrella | 9 family |
| 2 boat | | 6 address | 10 foot |
| 3 woman | | 7 knife | 11 holiday |
| 4 city | | 8 sandwich | 12 potato |

66.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences.



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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 There are a lot of <u>sheep</u> in the field. | 4 Lucy has two |
| 2 Gary is cleaning his | 5 There are a lot of in the river. |
| 3 There are three at the bus stop. | 6 The are falling from the tree. |

66.3 Are these sentences OK? Change the sentences where necessary.

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|--|---|
| 1 I'm going to buy some flowers. | OK |
| 2 I need a new jeans. | <u>I need a new pair of jeans.</u> OR <u>I need some new jeans.</u> |
| 3 It's a lovely park with a lot of beautiful tree. | |
| 4 There was a woman in the car with two mens. | |
| 5 Sheep eat grass. | |
| 6 David is married and has three childs. | |
| 7 Most of my friend are student. | |
| 8 He put on his pyjama and went to bed. | |
| 9 We went fishing, but we didn't catch many fish. | |
| 10 Do you know many persons in this town? | |
| 11 I like your trouser. Where did you get it? | |
| 12 The town centre is usually full of tourist. | |
| 13 I don't like mice. I'm afraid of them. | |
| 14 This scissor isn't very sharp. | |

66.4 Which is right? Complete the sentences.

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|---|--------------------------|
| 1 It's a nice place. Many people <u>go</u> there on holiday. | go or goes? |
| 2 Some people always late. | is or are? |
| 3 The new city hall is not a beautiful building. Most people like it. | don't or doesn't? |
| 4 A lot of people TV every day. | watch or watches? |
| 5 Three people injured in the accident. | was or were? |
| 6 How many people in that house? | live or lives? |
| 7 the police know the cause of the explosion? | Do or Does? |
| 8 The police looking for the stolen car. | is or are? |
| 9 I need my glasses, but I can't find | it or them? |
| 10 I'm going to buy new jeans today. | a or some? |

a bottle / some water (countable/uncountable 1)

A

A noun can be *countable* or *uncountable*.

Countable nouns

For example: (a) **car** (a) **man** (a) **bottle** (a) **house** (a) **key** (an) **idea** (an) **accident**

You can use **one/two/three** (etc.) + *countable nouns* (you can count them):



one **bottle**



two **bottles**



three **men**



four **houses**

Countable nouns can be *singular* (= one) or *plural* (= two or more):

singular

a car **the car** **my car** etc.

plural

cars **two cars** **the cars** **some cars** **many cars** etc.

- ☐ I've got **a car**.
- ☐ New **cars** are very expensive.
- ☐ There aren't **many cars** in the car park.

You can't use the singular (**car/bottle/key** etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

- ☐ We can't get into the house without **a key**. (*not* without key)

B

Uncountable nouns

For example: **water** **air** **rice** **salt** **plastic** **money** **music** **tennis**

water



water

salt



salt



money



music

You can't say **one/two/three** (etc.) + these things: ~~one water~~ ~~two musics~~

Uncountable nouns have only *one* form:

money **the money** **my money** **some money** **much money** etc.

- ☐ I've got **some money**.
- ☐ There isn't **much money** in the box.
- ☐ **Money** isn't everything.

You can't use **a/an** + *uncountable nouns*: ~~a money~~ ~~a music~~ ~~a water~~

But you can say **a piece of ... / a bottle of ...** etc. + *uncountable noun*:

a bottle of water	a carton of milk	a bar of chocolate
a piece of cheese	a bottle of perfume	a piece of music
a bowl of rice	a cup of coffee	a game of tennis

Exercises

Unit
67

67.1 What are these things? Some are countable and some are uncountable. Write **a/an** if necessary. The names of these things are:

bucket envelope money sand toothbrush wallet
egg jug salt spoon toothpaste water

1  It's <u>salt</u>	2  It's <u>a spoon</u>	3  It's	4  It's
5  It's	6  It's	7  It's	8  It's
9  It's	10  It's	11  It's	12  It's

67.2 Some of these sentences are OK, but some need **a/an**. Write **a/an** where necessary.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 I don't have watch. <u>a watch</u> | 9 Jamaica is island. |
| 2 Do you like cheese? <u>OK</u> | 10 I don't need key. |
| 3 I never wear hat. | 11 Everybody needs food. |
| 4 Are you looking for job? | 12 I've got good idea. |
| 5 Kate doesn't eat meat. | 13 Can you drive car? |
| 6 Kate eats apple every day. | 14 Do you want cup of coffee? |
| 7 I'm going to party tonight. | 15 I don't like coffee without milk. |
| 8 Music is wonderful thing. | 16 Don't go out without umbrella. |

67.3 What are these things? Write **a ... of ...** for each picture. Use the words in the boxes.

1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 
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bar cup loaf bread ~~milk~~ tea
bowl glass piece chocolate paper water
~~carton~~ jar piece honey soup wood

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|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 <u>a carton of milk</u> | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 |