

Countable nouns can be *singular* or *plural*:

a dog	a child	the evening	this party	an umbrella
dogs	some children	the evenings	these parties	two umbrellas

Before singular countable nouns you can use **a/an**:

- Bye! Have a nice **evening**.
- Do you need **an umbrella**?

You cannot use singular countable nouns alone (without **a/the/my** etc.):

- She never wears **a hat**. (*not* She never wears hat)
- Be careful of **the dog**. (*not* Be careful of dog)
- What **a beautiful day**!
- I've got **a headache**.

What are these things? Use a dictionary if necessary.

- 1 an ant? *It's an insect.*
- 2 ants and bees? *They're insects.*
- 3 a cauliflower?
- 4 chess?
- 5 a pigeon, an eagle and a crow?
- 6 a skyscraper?
- 7 Earth, Mars, Venus and Jupiter?
- 8 a tulip?
- 9 the Nile, the Rhine and the Mekong?
- 10 a violin, a trumpet and a flute?