



NOUN is a POS (part of speech) that names a person, place, animal, thing or an idea.

Countable Nouns are those which can be counted.

- *These nouns are treated as separate items.*
- *Countable nouns can be singular or plural.*
- *They can be used with a/an and with numbers and many other determiners (e.g. these, a few):*
e.g. a car, three cars
my cousin, my two cousins
a book, a box full of books
a city, several big cities
these dresses
a few packs of chips

Uncountable Nouns are those cannot be separated or counted.

- *These nouns are seen as a whole or mass.*
- *These nouns are not used with a/an or numbers and are not used in the plural.*

e.g. **Ideas and experiences:** *advice, information, progress, news, luck, fun, work*
Materials and substances: *water, rice, cement, gold, milk*

Weather words: *weather, thunder, lightning, rain, snow*
Names for groups or collections of things: *furniture, equipment, rubbish, luggage*
Other common uncountable nouns include: *homework, knowledge, money, traffic.*

The determiners “much, some, any” are used with uncountable nouns while “many” is used with the countables.

Use “is” for uncountable nouns and “are” for the countable ones.

Countable phrases for uncountable nouns

UNCOUNTABLE	COUNTABLE
<i>accommodation</i>	<i>a house, a flat, a place to live, a place to stay</i>
<i>money</i>	<i>a note, a coin, a sum of money, a euro, a dollar</i>
<i>work</i>	<i>a job, a task</i>
<i>time</i>	<i>a second, a minute, an hour, a decade, a century</i>
<i>weight</i>	<i>a gram, a kilogram, a ton</i>

REMEMBER: These nouns are not used with *a/an* or numbers and are not used in the plural.

*e.g. We're going to get new **furniture** for the living room.*

Not: ~~We're going to get a new furniture for the living room.~~

OR ~~We're going to get new furnitures for the living room.~~

*We had terrible **weather** last week.*

Not: ~~We had a terrible weather last week.~~

Activity#1: Look at the pictures and write countable/ uncountable.

1.



sand _____

2.



rice _____

3.



traffic

4.



city

Activity#2: Choose the correct option.

i. *Countable nouns are those that you can...*

a) touch

b) see

c) count

ii. *The nouns "time and noise" are ...*

a) countable

b) uncountable

c) both

iii. *I've got _____ money." Which term does not fit?*

a) some

b) a

c) much

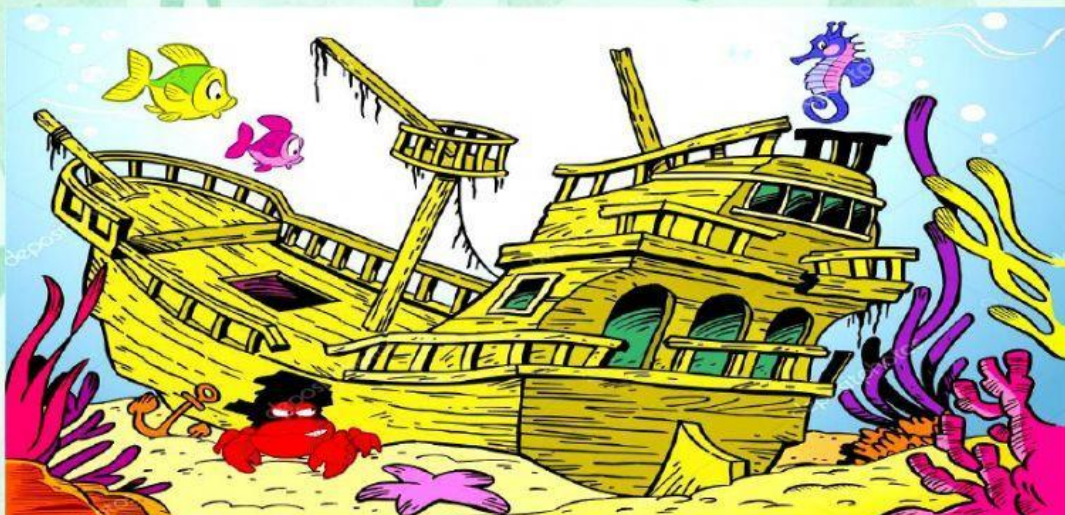
iv. *Another word for uncountable noun is...*

a) mass noun

b) countless noun

c) plural noun

Activity#3: Match and join by looking at the picture.



COLUMN 'A'

How many ...

There are...

How much...

There is...

COLUMN 'B'

many sea weeds in the picture.

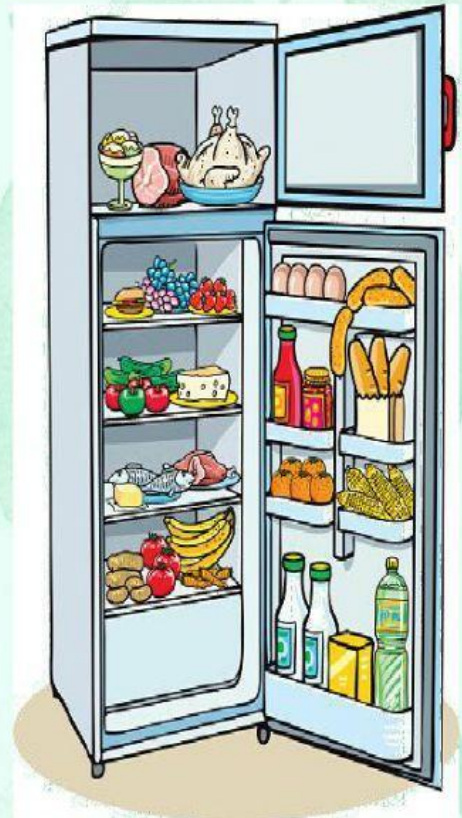
an anchor in the sand.

fish are there?

sand is there?

Activity#4: Look at the fridge and choose the correct answers from the boxes.

- i. How **much** **many** tomatoes have you put in the fridge?
- ii. There **is** **are** a lot of ketchup in the bottle.
- iii. How **much** **many** milk is left in the bottles.
- iv. A **bottle** **bunch** of bananas **is** **are** there in the fridge.



Activity#5: Complete the paragraph using the list words only once.

shop, a little, super store, guests, some, bags

We are expecting _____ tomorrow for a movie night at our place. Mum is at a _____ right now to _____ for some grocery items. She has bought a few _____ of crisps and _____ drinksto go with them. She'll buy coffee too as only _____ is left in the jar.

