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

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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

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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

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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?

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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.**

To change the following words from uncountable to countable, think mostly about the containers we put them into:

Information

Knowledge

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Money

Culture

Water

Flour

Meat

Traffic

Cereal

Education

Shoes

Parking

Tin

Yoghurt

compost

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

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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?

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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**

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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:

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