

Lesson 1 Nouns and Articles

1. Grammar Introduction

A. Singular and Plural Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
~s	actor radio	actors radios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singular means one. Plural means two or more. To make most nouns plural, add s to the singular form.
~es	box watch	boxes watches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of noun: ch, -sh, -s, -x Plural form: add -es
	hero potato	heroes potatoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of noun: consonant + o Plural form: add -es
~ies	lady country	ladies countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of noun: consonant + y Plural form: change y to i and add -es
~ves	thief life	thieves lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of noun: f or fe Plural form: change f or fe to v and add -es
Irregular	child fish	children fish	No rules

- Common irregular plural nouns:

sheep - sheep

tooth - teeth

woman - women

foot - feet

mouse - mice

person - people

Circle the correct plural form.

	Singular	Plural
1	fox	foxs foxes
2	wolf	wolfs wolves
3	sheep	sheep sheeps
4	baby	babys babies

	Singular	Plural
5	glass	glass glasses
6	movie	movies movyes
7	candy	candy candys
8	bench	bench benchs

Write the plural form.

1 telephone **telephones**

2 actress

3 eyelash

4 tooth

5 shelf

6 tomato

7 cave

8 family

9 thief

10 man



B. Count and Noncount Nouns

Count Noun	There is an apple . Apples taste good. These apples are green.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count nouns can be counted with numbers. They take singular or plural form.
Noncount Noun	There is milk . Milk is white. This milk tastes good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noncount nouns cannot be counted with numbers. They take only singular form. They take no indefinite article, a or an.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common noncount nouns: <p>furniture homework mail money bread milk weather music information soup</p>		

Choose and write the correct word.

- 1 a music / **music** I want to listen to **music**
- 2 2 player / players There are eleven on a soccer team.
- 3 3 furniture / furnitures Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will buy a lot of
- 4 4 milk / milks I drink three glasses of every day.

C. Articles: Indefinite, Definite and No Articles

a	a pen a book	a radio a small umbrella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indefinite article, a or an, means 'one' thing. Use it before a singular noun.
an	an orange an old book	an egg an umbrella	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put a before a consonant and an before a vowel.
the	The blue cap is on the bed. Why is the sky blue?		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definite article, the, is used before nouns that are 'specific' or 'one and only'.
Ø	Seoul is in Korea . He plays basketball at school. Math is my favorite subject. He speaks English and Chinese .		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No articles (Ø) are used before proper nouns. No articles are used before sports, school subjects, and languages.

Write a, an, the or Ø.

- 1 There is **a** monster in the lake. monster is huge and dangerous.
- 2 Did you see moon last night? It was very big and round.
- 3 My friend can play soccer but he can't play volleyball.
- 4 My favorite school subject is science. What about you?

2. Grammar Practice

A Rewrite the sentence using the correct plural forms.

1 There are many busy street and highway in Los Angeles.

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2 Monkey eat banana, leaf, root, and egg.

3 There were baby, child, woman, and sheep in the field.

4 Ball are round, and box have six side.

5 Big city usually have many problem.

B Choose and write.

1 an / some Where can I get Some information about MP3 players?

2 taxi / taxis We are late. Let's take a taxis to the theater.

3 is / are There is usually a lot of homework on weekends.

4 music / musics Please turn down the music. It is too loud.

5 weather / weathers The weather is great at the beach today.

6 furniture / furnitures They have a lot of furniture in the living room.

7 tooth / teeth Sharks have a lot of teeth.

8 fish / fishes There are not many fish in this pond.

9 the / \emptyset We are going to visit the Europe this summer.

10 A / The Yesterday I saw a girl. The girl was wearing red shoes.

11 a / an You need eggs, potatoes, and a onion for Spanish omelettes.



C Read and correct the mistakes. There are 10 mistakes.

Soccer Facts

Soccer is the very simple game. Anybody can play the soccer. It is a popular sport in a world. There are 11 player on a team: one goalkeepers, four defenders, four midfielder, and two forwards. You score a goals when the ball is kicked into the net. One goal is worth one points. Soccer is not only for men. Womans and childs play soccer too.

D Write a, an, the, or Ø.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm having (a) great time in () New York. There are so many things to see in () city. Yesterday Mike and I visited many () famous places. I bought () pretty umbrella for Mom and () interesting pipe for Dad.

Tomorrow we will go to () Broadway and watch () play. I am glad that I can speak () English. I have to go now, but I will send you () postcard again.

I miss you,

John



3. Grammar Summary

Nouns

Count Noun		Noncount Noun
Singular	Plural	
actor	actors	water
potato	potatoes	homework
child	children	furniture

Articles

Indefinite Article	Definite Article	No Article
a book	the green shirt	Japanese
an egg	the Sun	math
a large egg	the sky	baseball