Lesson 1

Nouns and Articles

1. Grammar Introduction

A. Singular and Plural Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
~s	actor radio	actor**s** radio**s**	• Singular means one. Plural means two or more. • To make most nouns plural, add -s to the singular form.
~es	box watch	box**es** watch**es**	• End of noun: -ch, -sh, -s, -x • Plural form: add -es
	hero potato	hero**es** potato**es**	• End of noun: consonant + -o • Plural form: add -es
~ies	lady country	lad**ies** countr**ies**	• End of noun: consonant + -y • Plural form: change y to i and add -es
~ves	thief life	thie**ves** li**ves**	• 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			Singular	Plural	
1	fox	foxs	foxes	5	glass	glass	glasses
2	wolf	wolfs	wolves	6	movie	movies	movyes
3	sheep	sheep	sheeps	7	candy	candys	candies
4	baby	babys	babies	8	bench	benchs	benches

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 .....

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B. Count and Noncount Nouns

Count Noun	There is an **apple**. **Apples** taste good. These **apples** are green.	• 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.	• Noncount nouns cannot be counted with numbers. • They take only singular form. • They take no indefinite article, a or an.

• Common noncount nouns:
furniture homework mail money bread milk weather music information soup

Choose and write the correct word.

1 a music / (music) I want to listen to music.

2 player / players There are eleven ..... on a soccer team.

3 furniture / furnitures Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will buy a lot of .....

4 milk / milks I drink three glasses of ..... every day.

C. Articles: Indefinite, Definite and No Articles

a	**a** pen **a** radio **a** book **a** small umbrella	• Indefinite article, a or an, means 'one' thing. Use it before a singular noun. • Put a before a consonant and an before a vowel.
an	**an** orange **an** egg **an** old book **an** umbrella	
the	**The** blue cap is on **the** bed. Why is **the** sky blue?	• 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**.	• 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?

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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 ..... to the theater.
3	is / are	There ..... usually a lot of homework on weekends.
4	music / musics	Please turn down the ..... It is too loud.
5	weather / weathers	The ..... is great at the beach today.
6	furniture / furnitures	They have a lot of ..... in the living room.
7	tooth / teeth	Sharks have a lot of .....
8	fish / fishes	There are not many ..... in this pond.
9	the / Ø	We are going to visit ..... Europe this summer.
10	A / The	Yesterday I saw a girl. ..... girl was wearing red shoes.
11	a / an	You need eggs, potatoes, and ..... onion for Spanish omelettes.

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

Soccer Facts

Soccer is ~~the~~ a 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 ∅.

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

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