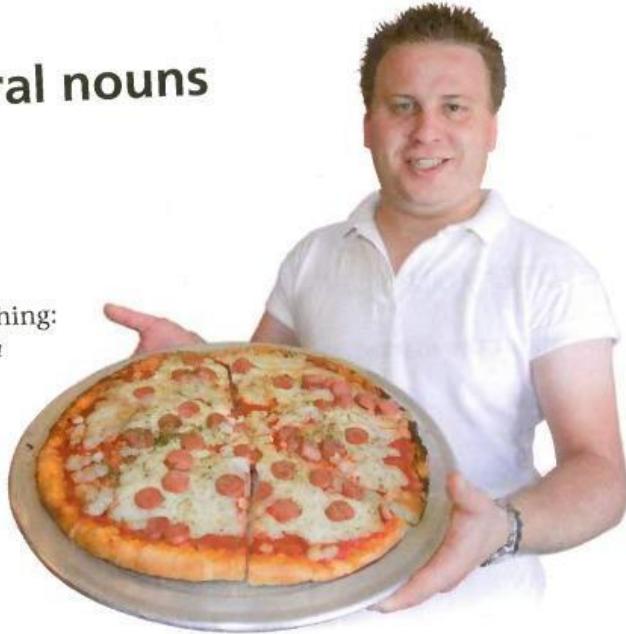


1 Singular and plural nouns



1 Nouns

A noun is a person, a place or a thing:
*a waiter a town a pizza a melon
an apple an egg a steak*

In writing, names of people, places, days, months, etc. begin with a capital letter:

*John Smith Mr Brown
Vancouver Oxford Street
Saturday September May Day*

2 Singular and plural nouns

Most nouns can be singular (one) or plural (more than one):

SINGULAR	<i>a pizza</i>	<i>a melon</i>	<i>a banana</i>	<i>an apple</i>	<i>an egg</i>
PLURAL	<i>two pizzas</i>	<i>three melons</i>	<i>four bananas</i>	<i>five apples</i>	<i>some eggs</i>

Practice

1 Write the plural form of the nouns.

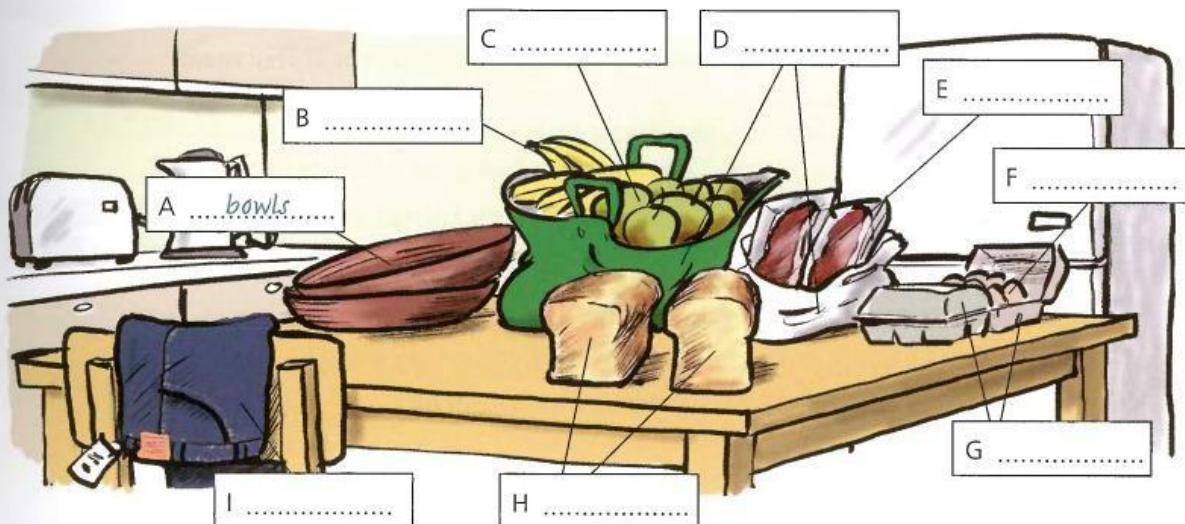
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baby box car child
class country day
exercise family foot
loaf man scarf
watch wife

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

0 1 My brothers	→	A walks to work.
2 My brother	→	B walk to work.
1 1 Our English teacher	→	A come from London.
2 Our English teachers	→	B comes from London.
2 1 The children	→	A is sick in bed.
2 Jan's child	→	B are sick in bed.
3 1 My feet	→	A are hurting.
2 My foot	→	B is hurting.
4 1 Your reading glasses	→	A is on the table.
2 Your glass of water	→	B are on the table.

3 Write the plural form of the nouns in the picture.



4 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the note with nouns from Exercise 3 or a form of the verb be.

Sorry, James – I'm going to see Mum because she's not well.

Can you put the shopping away? Thanks.

The steaks (0) for dinner tonight, so can you put them in the fridge?

Can you take the eggs out of the (1) and put them in the fridge, too?

There are some (2) and (3) in the green bag – put them in the two (4) on the table. There are two (5) of bread, too – can you put one of them in the fridge, please? The jeans (6) for Simon – can you put them in his room?

See you later – I hope the interview was OK. Maureen