

## Countable and uncountable nouns

### GRAMMAR ZONE

#### Countable nouns

- single things, people or ideas can have a singular and a plural form

*Books can take you to another world!*  
I bought **a book** about Greece yesterday.

#### Uncountable nouns

- things we think of as a mass, e.g. materials and substances, and abstract ideas, like peace and trust. Uncountable nouns are never plural.

*Sara spilled **water** all over the computer!*  
**Trust** is important, if you work in a team.

#### Quantifiers

- use **much, a little, a bit of** with uncountable nouns  
*There isn't **much ink** in the printer.*
- use **some, any, a lot of, lots of, plenty of**, with countable and uncountable nouns  
*Jason has got **lots of** great DVDs.  
I'd like **some orange juice**.*
- use **many, a few, several** with countable nouns  
*There are **several** good TV programmes this evening.*

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#### 1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are *much/lots of* exciting scenes in the film
- 2 *Many/much* people read a newspaper every day.
- 3 There were *a few/a bit of* cakes left after the party.
- 4 Alison only likes *a few/a little* milk in her tea.
- 5 We've got *plenty of/much* CD's to listen to on the journey.
- 6 Do you want to borrow *any/a bit of* my books?
- 7 No thanks. I've got *lots/much* to read.
- 8 The girls bought *some/a little* magazines.

#### 2 Write the singular or the plural form of the noun in brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 There are several ..... (cinema) in my town.
- 2 Did you know you can buy computers made of ..... (wood)!
- 3 Don't be greedy! There isn't much ..... (chocolate) left!
- 4 The game didn't work because there were some ..... (error) in the programme.
- 5 The boys save a lot of ..... (money) by sharing their games.
- 6 Have you got any ..... (lemonade) left?
- 7 I want to buy a present for Vasos. Can you give me some ..... (advice)?
- 8 You have to read all the ..... (instruction) before you start downloading.

#### 3 Choose the correct word from the list to complete the conversation.

some lot any lots few little

- 'Are you going to the shops now, Ben?'
- 'Yes, I really need to buy **1** ..... milk. Do you want me to buy anything?'
- 'Haven't we got **2** ..... milk in the fridge? I bought some yesterday and I thought we still had **3** ..... left.'
- 'No, I just checked and there is only a **4** ..... bit left. I think we all had cereal for breakfast, and that uses up a **5** .....'
- 'Ok. If I give you some money could you buy me a **6** ..... oranges? I feel like I've got a cold coming on.'
- 'Oh, you poor thing! There are **7** ..... nasty viruses around at the moment. You need to drink **8** ..... of fluids. I'll make you **9** ..... lemon and honey when I get back from the shop.'