

Which nouns don't have a plural form?

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a I don't have many time to complete my assignment.
b I don't have much time to complete my assignment.
- 2 a When I did a search on my computer, I could only find a few informations about the topic.
b When I did a search on my computer, I could only find a little information about the topic.

Some nouns in English are 'uncountable'. This means they do not have a plural form. Some common uncountable nouns are: *advice, advertising, food, furniture, garbage, information, knowledge, money, shopping, time, traffic, travel.*

With uncountable nouns, you must use:

- the singular form: *food, information, money*
- a little / amount of / much / some: *How **much** money do you have?*
*The **amount of** traffic on the roads is increasing each year.*
- a singular verb: *There **was** already a little **furniture** in the flat.*

If a noun is uncountable, you cannot use:

- a plural form: *advices, furnitures, garbages, informations, knowledges*
 - an: *an advice, a garbage, a knowledge*
 - a few / many / number of: *a few shopping, many traffic, the number of knowledge*
 - a number: *three travels, four furniture*
 - a plural verb: *There were a little furniture in the flat.*
- ☆ If you want to add a number to an uncountable noun, you can use *a piece of / some / a few pieces of*: *a piece of advice, three pieces of furniture, a few pieces of garbage*

2 Correct the mistake below.



3 Correct the mistakes in these sentences. There may be more than one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 My tutor was very helpful; he gave me one very good advice about how to study.
- 2 I was surprised by the number of times it took us to reach the castle.
- 3 You need a great deal of knowledges to become a doctor.
- 4 The informations we were given by the tour guide were not very helpful.
- 5 When we visited the park, we were upset to see so many garbages left there.
- 6 We arrived late because there were so many traffic on the road.
- 7 I can't wait to visit the market and do a few shopping.
- 8 The furnitures in the hotel room were quite old but they were very comfortable.