

## Grammar Ex. > Countable and Uncountable Nouns

COUNTABLE NOUNS	UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS
1. They can be <b>counted with numbers</b> ( <i>one, two, five, 24, 39, and so on.</i> )	1. They <b>cannot be</b> considered as separate units nor <b>counted</b> with numbers.
2. They <b>can be used</b> with the indefinite articles <b>a/an</b> , or with the <b>plural form</b> of the noun.	2. They <b>cannot take</b> the indefinite articles <b>a/an</b> , or plural forms.
3. They <b>can be abstract</b> or <b>concrete</b> (e.g.: <i>a conversation, an emergency, aspirations, a phone, three people.</i> )	3. They <b>are</b> usually substances, collective categories of things, or ideas (e.g.: <i>wood, smoke, air, water, furniture, homework, luggage, love, knowledge, intelligence, arrogance</i> )
4. Since countable nouns can be either <b>singular</b> or <b>plural</b> , it is important to use the correct <b>subject-verb agreement</b> (e.g.: <i>my brother is back from college; dogs wag their tails.</i> )	4. Uncountable nouns are grammatically <b>singular</b> , so they must take singular forms of their verbs (e.g.: <i>the furniture in my living room is old; the news is good.</i> )
5. Countable nouns can be plural by adding <b>-s; -es; -ies; -ves</b> or their <b>irregular forms</b> (e.g.: <i>cats; places; zoos; boxes; beaches; heroes; potatoes; berries; countries; knives; wolves; man &gt; men; person &gt; people; child &gt; children; fish &gt; fish</i> )	5. You can make an uncountable noun countable or plural by adding a specific measure (e.g.: <i>a pair of jeans; two kilos of meat; a piece of advice/homework/news; five slices of bread.</i> )
<p>6. Both nouns <b>accept</b> the use of the words <b>some</b> or <b>a lot of / lots of</b> (<i>in affirmative sentences</i>), and the use of <b>any – many – much</b> (<i>in negative and interrogative sentences</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- My mom can give us <b>some advice</b>. (<i>uncountable</i>)</li> <li>- I brought <b>some markers</b> to complete the activity. (<i>countable</i>)</li> <li>- Caroline did not do <b>any homework</b>. (<i>uncountable</i>)</li> <li>- Do you have <b>any question</b>? (<i>countable</i>)</li> <li>- I do not have <b>much time</b>. (<i>uncountable</i>)</li> <li>- There aren't <b>many people</b> studying geology. (<i>countable</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Exception:</b> <i>You can use some in questions to offer, ask for, or suggest something.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Would you like to have some tea?</b></li> <li>- <b>Can I order some more snacks?</b></li> <li>- <b>Why don't we keep some leftovers for tomorrow?</b></li> </ul>	
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