

COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS: ARTICLES



Countable and uncountables

1. Look at the list of words. Put them into the correct noun category: countable, uncountable or both.

baggage | book | clothes | coffee | entertainment | equipment | film | glass | house | interest | knowledge | leisure activity | metal | money | music | news | costume | time | trousers | truth | awards

Countable	Uncountable	Both

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Grammar in context

REMEMBER

- **Countable nouns** have both singular and plural forms and can be counted. We use **a/an** (singular, not specific or mentioned for the first time), **the** (singular or plural, specific) or **no article** (plural, not specific) with countable nouns.
- **Uncountable nouns** can't be counted and don't have a plural form (although a few uncountable nouns are in plural form and take a plural verb, e.g. *jeans*). We **don't use an article with uncountable nouns** when we are being general. We use **the** when we are being specific.
- **Uncountable nouns** are often materials (e.g. *glass*), abstract ideas (e.g. *information*) or collections (e.g. *luggage*).
- Some nouns can be either countable or uncountable, with a change in meaning (e.g. *hair*, a *hair*).

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2. Write one word in each gap to complete the text. If no word is necessary, put a dash (-).

Acting in your free time

If you have (1) _____ decent theatre in your town, then there's (2) _____ good chance that they offer drama workshops for anyone who is interested in giving acting (3) _____ go. And they're not just for (4) _____ stars of tomorrow who are thinking of working in (5) _____ media. Many young people who get involved in drama as (6) _____ free-time activity usually gain a lot from (7) _____ experience.

What are (8) _____ benefits of getting involved in something like (9) _____ acting? First of all, it's (10) _____ great way to meet new friends. And drama brings people closer because it involves taking (11) _____ risks together. Acting in front of an audience can be scary, but sharing that fear of (12) _____ failure with someone else makes it easier.

Secondly, acting teaches you to consider emotions carefully. This can be a good thing for teenagers going through (13) _____ emotionally challenging period of their lives. It will definitely make you a more confident person.

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