

# Nouns: Countable and Uncountable



Countable nouns have plural forms. Uncountable nouns do not have plural forms.

★ Tick the nouns that have been written correctly. Read and check. Two have been done for you.

spoons ☒ jams ☒ fingers ☒ flours ☒ clays ☒ snows ☒  
students ☒ oats ☒ peppers ☒ lettuces ☒ muds ☒ beads ☒  
musics ☒ oxygens ☒ cassettes ☒ sugars ☒ butters ☒



Countable nouns are objects that **can be** counted as separate units using numbers. Uncountable nouns are objects that **cannot** be separated and counted individually.

★ Are the words in pink **countable (C)** or **uncountable (UC)**? Read and check.



I have fifty **rupees** with me. ☐



Oh, that's not much **money**! ☐



It's enough to buy a little **cheese**. ☐



Will it buy you a **block** of cheese? ☐



I don't know. Oh, I found a few **coins** in my pocket! ☐



**Much, some, and a little** are quantifiable words that are combined with uncountable nouns.

★ Write a **number** before a countable noun. Write a **quantifiable word** before an uncountable noun. Complete the phrases. The first set has been done for you.



two bins



much garbage



two bins of garbage



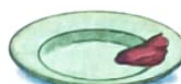
some coffee



three mugs



three mugs of coffee



some ketchup



two bottles



two bottles of ketchup

Say it aloud

- Countable nouns have plural forms. We can use a **number** before a countable noun.
- Uncountable nouns **cannot** be counted. They **do not** have plural forms. We use **quantifiable** words such as **much, some, or a little** before uncountable nouns to quantify them.

Write the missing word. Use the pictures to complete these sentences.  
One has been done for you.

- I bought two cans of mango juice.
- There is a big chunk of chocolate in her hand.
- There are three piles of rice on the table.
- May I have that glass of water?



**Abstract nouns** are mostly uncountable.

Read the sentences. Underline the two nouns in each sentence.  
Identify them as countable or uncountable. Follow the example.

- I am filled with patriotism for my country.
- A soldier displays great courage.
- He gave away his wealth to his grandchildren.
- The master scolded him for his laziness.
- I find peace by looking at lush green mountains.

### Countable Noun

### Uncountable Noun

<u>country</u>	<u>patriotism</u>
<u>soldier</u>	<u>courage</u>
<u>grandchildren</u>	<u>wealth</u>
<u>master</u>	<u>laziness</u>
<u>mountains</u>	<u>peace</u>

The phrase **how many** is combined with countable nouns and the phrase **how much** with uncountable nouns.

Complete the question sentences. Use **how much** or **how many**.

- How many hill stations have you visited so far?
- How much oil should I pour in the pan?
- How much food should the chef prepare?
- How many dishes are you serving at the wedding?
- How many teams are participating in the event?
- How much honey did you add to the dessert?

The determiner **any** is used in **negative sentences** with countable and uncountable nouns.

Complete the following sentences using **a**, **an**, **any**, or **some**.

I have a pencil and an eraser in my pouch. An apple pie and some fruit are there in my lunch box. I have not brought any notebook today, but I have brought a paper to write on. I have to go for a match. There isn't going to be any basketball practice today. There was an announcement about this yesterday.