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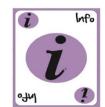
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Countable & Uncountable nouns...

Objective: Students should be able to be familiar with new usages.



Countable Nouns...

Most nouns are countable and have singular and plural forms...

- 1... We usually make a noun plural by adding (-s)...
 - e.g girl girls book books cat cats.

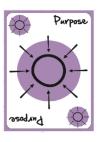


- 2... When a noun ends in (s ss sh ch x o), we add "es"
 - e.g bus buses address addresses eyelash eyelashes watch watches prefix prefixes potato potatoes
 - 3... When a noun ends in a consonant + y, we take off the -y and add (- ies)...
 - e.g baby babies lady ladies

BUT ... WHEN A NOUN ENDS IN A VOWEL + Y, WE ADD (S)

- e.g boy boys donkey donkeys
- 4... When a noun ends in (f fe), we drop it and add (ves)...
 - e.g leaf leaves life lives wife wives





5... Some nouns end in (O), WE JUST ADD (S)...

e.g photo - photos piano - pianos zoo - zoos
hippo - hippos bamboo - bamboos casino - casinos
disco - discos zero - zeros

6... Irregular plurals...

Some nouns are irregular and we make them plural in different ways...

Singular nouns	Plural nouns
1. child	1. children
2. fish	2. fish
3. foot	3. feet
4. tooth	4. teeth
5. man	5. men
6. woman	6. women
7. mouse	7. mice
8. sheep	8. sheep
9. goose	9. geese
10. person	10.people
11. trout	11.trout
12. species	12. species
13. deer	13. deer
14. cactus	14. cacti
15. ox	15. oxen

Note 1: We usually use (a - an) with singular countable nouns.

a girl an egg an operation

Note 2: We can use (some - any - a number) with plural countable nouns.

Here are some carrots.

Are there any potatoes?

She has been in hospital for five days.

Note 3: We use <u>singular or plural verb</u> forms with countable nouns depending on whether we are talking about one or more items.

An apple a day **keeps** the doctor away.

Apples are good for you.

Note 4: Some countable nouns don't end in (-s), remember to use a plural verb form with them.

Children are often noisy. Her teeth are very white.

Uncountable Nouns...

Some nouns are uncountable. They don't have plural forms.

Common Uncountable Nouns



Rule 1: We don't use (a-an) with uncountable nouns.

We can use (some - any).

e.g I need to buy some milk. Do you have any advice for me?

Rule 2: We always use singular verb forms with uncountable nouns.

e.g Music helps me to relax. Grilled food is usually healthy.

Rule 3: Some uncountable nouns end in (- s), remember to use a singular verb form with them...(news - physics - economics - politics - athletics...)

e.g The news isn't good. Maths is my favourite subject.

Rule 4: We can use phrases describing quantity with uncountable nouns to say how much we have.

* a bag of * a cup/ glass of * a bottle of

* a jar of * a loaf of * a can / tin of

* a packet of * a carton of * a piece of.

e.g I'd like a piece of cheese. I'd like a loaf of bread.

Nouns that Can Be Countable or Uncountable

Noun

used as an uncountable noun

used as an countable noun

iron

material Iron is hard.

electrical appliance
The iron is hot.



material
Bottles are made
of glass.

container
I drank a glass of milk.

length of an activity



How much time do you need to eat lunch?

number of instances

How many times do you go to Mexico in one year?

material



I need some paper to draw on.

a report or essay

I wrote a paper for our literature class.



a newspaper

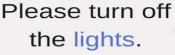
I bought a paper this morning.

energy form



I opened the door to let in some light.

lamps / light bulbs





an activity



I have some work to do tomorrow.



a product



Quantifiers...

(SOME - ANY - LOTS OF - A LOT OF - A LITTLE - A FEW - MUCH - MANY)

1. Some and Any...

The general rule is that any is used for questions and negatives while some is used for positive.

Both may be used with countable and uncountable nouns.

Do we need any rice?

No, we don't need any rice.

We have some rice in the cupboard.

<u>Some</u> may also be used for questions, <u>typically offers and requests</u>, if we think the answer will be positive.

Would you like some tea?

May I have some more chocolate?

2. A lot of - lots of ...

<u>A lot of and lots of can both be used with plural countable nouns and with uncountable nouns for affirmatives, negatives, and questions.</u>

We've got lots of things to do.

That's a lot of money.

There weren't a lot of choices.

Have you eaten lots of chocolate?

Can you hurry up? I don't have a lot of time.

3. Much, many...

We use <u>much</u> with <u>uncountable</u> nouns and <u>many</u> with <u>countable plural nouns</u>:

I haven't got much change. I've only got a ten euro note.

Are there many campsites near you?

There is much concern about drug addiction in the US.

He had heard many stories about The Bermuda triangle.

4. A little - a few...

We us <u>a little</u> with <u>uncountable nouns</u> and <u>a few</u> with <u>plural countable nouns</u> in affirmative sentences.

I have coffee with a little milk. There are a few chairs in the room.

A) Fill in SOME or ANY:
1. Are there rabbits in the garden?
2. Are there children in the class?
3. There aren't chairs in the room.
4. Are there birds in the tree?
5. There isn't money in the bag.
6. There is coffee in the cup.
7. There are policemen in the police station.
8. Are there fish in the water.
9. Are there oranges in the basket?
10. There isn't milk in the fridge.
11. I have tea, but I don't have sugar.
12. Is there meat at home?
13. There were apples here a minute ago.
14. There aren't glasses on the table.
15. Please buy me stamps at the post office.
B) Fill in HOW MUCH, HOW MANY, A FEW, A LITTLE, SOME or ANY:
1. A: bananas would you like, sir?
B: Just, please.
2. A: Can I have milk?
B: Sorry, we haven't got milk.
3. A: bread would you like?
B: Just, please.
4. A: carrots do we have?
B: We have only
5. A: oranges do we need?

B: We don't need oranges.

6. A:sugar would you like in your coffee?
B: Just, please.
7. A: Could I have tea, please?
B: Of course. Would you like biscuits, too?
8. A: Is there wine in the fridge?
B: No, we need to buy
C) Select the correct form in the narentheses in the 1

- elect the correct form in the parentheses in the following sentences.
- 1. Sue was very helpful. She gave me some good (advice / advices).
- 2. We had (a very good weather / very good weather) when we were on holiday.
- 3. Sorry, I'm late. I had (trouble / troubles) with the car this morning.
- 4. I want something to read. I'm going to buy (a / some) paper.
- 5. I want to write some letters. I need (a / some) writing paper.
- 6. It's very difficult to find (work /a job) at the moment.
- Bad news (don't / doesn't) make people happy.
- 8. The flat is empty. We haven't got any (furniture / furnitures) yet.
- 9. When the fire alarm rang, there was (a complete chaos / complete chaos).
- 10. I had to buy (a / some) bread because I wanted to make some sandwiches.
- 11. We were very unfortunate. We had (bad luck / a bad luck).
- 12. Mumps (is / are) a very common disease which usually affects children.
- 13. Nobody was hurt in the accident but (the damage / damages) to the car (was /were) quite bad.
- D) Underline the form from that correctly completes each sentence.
- 1. Ethics (is / are) the study of moral duties, principles, and values.
- 2. The first bridge to be built with electric lights (was / were) the Brooklyn Bridge.
- 3. There (is / are) two types of calculus, differential and integral.
- 4. In a chess game, the player with the white pieces always (moves / move) first.

- 5. The Earth and Pluto (is / are) the only two planets in the solar system believed to have a single moon.
- 6. A number of special conditions (is / are) necessary for the formation of a geyser.
- 7. Each of the Ice Ages (was / were) more than a million years long.
- 8. The battery, along with the alternator and starter, (makes / make) up the electrical system of a car.
- 9. Teeth (is / are) covered with a hard substance called enamel.
- 10. The more-or-less rhythmic succession of economic booms and busts (is / are) referred to as the business cycle.
- 11. The number of chromosomes in a cell (varies / vary) from species to species.
- 12. All trees, except for the tree fern, (is / are) seed bearing plants.
- 14. Everyone who (goes / go) into the woods should recognize common poisonous plants such as poison ivy and poison oak.

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