

NOUNS CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS

COUNTABLE	UNCOUNTABLE
<p>We can count <i>cat, woman, pencil child</i></p> <p>*Have a plural form <i>cat/ cats woman/women</i> <i>pencil/pencils child/children</i></p> <p>*Can have "a", "an" or number before them <i>I have a car</i> <i>My cousin has three children.</i></p>	<p>We cannot count <i>milk, safety, rice, happiness</i></p> <p>* Have no plural form</p> <p>* Usually cannot have "a", "an" or a number before them <i>They like rice</i> <i>I wish you much happiness</i></p>

Countable nouns

Countable nouns refer to items that can be counted, even if the number might be extraordinarily high (like counting all the people in the world, for example). Countable nouns can be used with articles such as a/an and the or quantifiers such as a few and many. Look at the sentence below and pay particular attention to the countable noun:

Examples:

- Here is a cat.
- Here are a few cats.
- Here are some cats.

Cat is singular and countable.

Other examples of countable nouns include: *house, idea, hand, car, flower, and paper.*

Uncountable Nouns

Singulares Una sola cosa

Uncountable nouns are nouns that come in a state or quantity that is impossible to count; liquids are uncountable, as are things that act like liquids (sand, air). Abstract ideas like creativity or courage are also uncountable. Uncountable nouns are always considered to be singular, and can stand alone or be used with some, any, a little, and much. See the examples below for reference:

Examples:

- An I.Q. test measures intelligence **Correct**
- Students don't seem to have many homework these days. **Incorrect**

Intelligence is an uncountable noun.

Because homework is an uncountable noun, it should be modified by much or a lot of, not many.

- Students don't seem to have much homework these days. **Correct**
- A lot of equipment is required to play hockey safely. **Correct**

Since uncountable nouns are singular, they also require singular verbs. If you're ever trying to decide whether to write the information is or the information are, remember that information is an

uncountable noun and therefore needs is.

Good information are necessary for making good decisions. **Incorrect**
Good information is necessary for making good decisions. **Correct**

Additional examples of uncountable nouns include **water, soil, love, literature, and dust.**

Activity

Use a/an or some and write C for countable or U for uncountable.

- 1. Some money C dinero
- 2. Some ponds C estanques
- 3. a cup of tea C taza de te
- 4. Some sugar U azúcar
- 5. a bar of chocolate C barra de chocolate
- 6. an ice-cream C helado
- 7. Some nice U bonito
- 8. an glass of water C vaso de agua
- 9. Some coffee U café

an = un
a = una.
Or Some = algunos

Complete the phrases with the correct words from the box

water bowl loaf tea soup bread cup bottle



a cup of tea



a bottle of water



a loaf of bread



a bowl of soup

3 Look at the words and select them into the correct category.

water - bread - lemons - chocolate - sugar - tea - milk - oranges -
cheese - coffee - eggs - grapes - a bar of chocolate - chicken - butter
- a loaf of bread - peach - a cup of tea - honey

Countable

lemons
orange)
eggs
Grapes
a bar of chocolate
chicken a
a loaf of bread

Uncountable

Water
chocolate
bread
sugar
tea
milk
cheese

4 What are these things? Write A / AN if necessary and the name of the thing. Some are countable and some are uncountable.



1. Dollars

2. An pencil

3. A Apple

4. A bread slices

5. An

6. mo

7. An

8. A

9. A

10. A

5 Complete

a. Would yo

b. Would yo

c. Would yo

d. Would yo

e. Would yo

f. Would yo

g. Cris bou

h. My mor

i. My brot

j. I bough

3. An eade

6. musical note **uncountable**

7. An tree

8. A eggs

9. A bag

10. A dog

5. Complete the sentences with A, AN or SOME:

a. Would you like **any** coffee?

b. Would you like **a** piece of chocolate?

c. Would you like **any** water?

d. Would you like **an** envelope for your letter?

e. Would you like **a** glass of lemonade?

f. Would you like **any** paper to write your note?

g. Cris bought **any** hat, shoes and **a** magazine.

h. My mom bought **some** postcards and **some** stamps.

i. My brother bought **an** toothpaste and **an** food.

j. I bought **a** interesting book!