

Countable / uncountable

A noun can be countable or uncountable

A-countable nouns

For example: a car- a man- a key- a house- a flower- an idea- an accident

*countable nouns can be singular (one) or plural(two or more)

Singular: a car – my car - the car CN/S

Cars - Two cars - the cars - some cars - many cars CN/P

Note

*you cannot use singular (car-house-key) alone. You need a/an.

*we cannot get in without a key.

B-uncountable nouns

For example: water- air- rice- salt- plastic- money- music- tennis

*you cannot say one/two/three / one music

*uncountable nouns have only one form:

Money the money my money some money much money

-I have got some money .

-there isn't much money.

-money isn't everything.

Note

-you cannot use a/an +uncountable nouns

-but you can say a piece of...../a glass of+ UN

A glass of water a bottle of milk a piece of music

A piece of cheese a cup of coffee a game of tennis

A bowl of rice a bar of chocolate

Exercise 01:

Put a tick in the correct answer

	count	Non-count
Telephone		
money		
Vocabulary		
Dictionary		
Furniture		
Mail		
Electricity		
Orange		
English		
Air		
Honesty		
Letter		
Forest		
Ink		
Information		
Ice		
Hydrogen		
Pen		
Grass		
Intelligence		

Exercise 02:

Which is right

- 1- I am going to buy new shoes/ shoe
- 2- Martin has got brown eye/eyes
- 3- Paula has got short black hair/hairs
- 4- The tourists guide gave us some information/informations about the town.
- 5- We are going to buy some new chair/ chairs
- 6- We are going to get some new furniture/furnitures