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Countable and Uncountable Noun

a. Countable Nouns

door /dɔːr / /dɔːr/ **noun [C]**

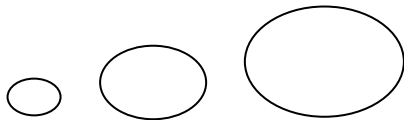
Singular	Plural
a desk, a table, a chair, an apple, an orange, an SMA student,,	Two desks, three tables,,,

Note:

Singular	Plural
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> are used after a/an, one, this, that, a single, another, each, every. Use the article a/an if referring to nonspecific things (a book-any book, a pen-....., a house-.....) Use the when referring to specific thing, things in general or represent a class (the tree- the specific tree or trees in general) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> take final -s/-es. (two books,) May come after the following words <i>all; some; some (of the); a few (of); many (of); a lot of; lots of; various; these, those, every one of; each one of; each of; one of; both; other; dozens of; hundreds of; thousands of; a number of; the number of; a couple of; several (of the).</i> May also take irregular form (babies not babys, women not womans,not knifes, not mans,not datums,not sheeps,.....notnot.....not.....)

b. Uncountable Nouns

furniture /'fɜː.nɪ.tʃə r / /'fɜː.nɪ.tʃə/ **noun [U]**



- Do not take plural form (sugar not ~~sugars~~,not salts,.....not ~~bloods~~,not ~~rices~~,not ~~lucks~~)
- May come after the following words

Much	all
Little	some
A little	a lot of
An amount of	lots of
	plenty of

Here are some more uncountable nouns:

- music, art, love, happiness
- advice, information, news
- furniture, luggage
- rice, sugar, butter, water
- electricity, gas, power
- money, currency



Here, let's fill some more examples of countable and uncountable nouns:

Countable	Uncountable
coins, dollars	money
song,	music
.....,	luggage
Table,.....,.....	furniture
battery, adaptors,
bottle,.....,.....
.....,.....,.....	information
.....,.....,.....	advice
.....,,	work
.....,.....,.....	scenery

Now, look at the *italic words*. Write 'C' for countable nouns or 'U' for uncountable nouns.

- Ghina likes to wear *jewelry*. Today she is wearing *a watch, two rings, six bracelets, and a necklace*.
- We had *meat, rice, bread, butter, cheese, fruit, vegetables, and tea* for dinner. We also had *meatball, noodle and pizza* for snack during the break time.
- The current city I am living in, has *rain, thunder, fog, and sleet* in the winter *months*. In other words, it has bad *weather*.
- Ed has black *hair* and brown *eyes*.
- I want to visit other *city* before I returned to my *country*.
- I went to the store to get some nails, hammers and screws. In other word, I bought some hardware.

Put a few, any, a little, many, or much to the sentences below appropriately.

1. A: *Let's make a salad for dinner!*

B: *Sorry, there is not lettuce left.*

2. *.....of the furniture here need to be repaired.*

3. *Last week I visited my uncle. He is a chef. He haspans to cook, from the smallest one to make omelet up to the biggest one to fry or cook.*

4. *We're planning to spenddays with our family.*

Noncount Nouns (singular)

CATEGORIES

EXAMPLES WITHIN

Fluids (liquids)	water, coffee, tea, milk, oil, gasoline, wine
Solids	ice, bread, butter, cheese, meat, gold, chalk silver, glass
Gases	air, oxygen, nitrogen, smoke, smog, pollution, steam
Particles	rice, corn, dirt, dust, flour, sugar, grass, hair, pepper, salt
Collective nouns (grouped items)	baggage, luggage, clothing, furniture, food, fruit, money, traffic, garbage, scenery, junk, mail, jewelry, homework, housework, work, grammar, slang, vocabulary
Abstractions	happiness, health, love, fun, help, honesty, peace, progress, beauty, knowledge, justice, intelligence, luck, music, time, space, energy, mass, gravity, experience
Languages	Arabic, French, Spanish, English, Portuguese
Language study	grammar, slang, vocabulary
Fields of study	chemistry, engineering, art, philosophy, science, law
Recreation	basketball, soccer, baseball, dance
Activities (gerunds)	sleeping, driving, writing, studying, swimming, studying, rock climbing, sky diving
Natural phenomena	weather, fog, heat, humidity, lightning, rain, snow, thunder, wind, darkness, light, sunshine, electricity, fire
Varieties	They have four kinds of <u>eggplants</u> . <u>All the fishes</u> in the sea need clean water.

Common mistakes: *I have a lot of homeworks to do. / She is washing her hairs. / The equipments weren't working well. / My baggages were lost. / I bought new furnitures.*

Now, make your own noun dictionary consists at least 50 words for each Countable and Uncountable Nouns. Here is the example.

ring /rɪŋ/ noun **CIRCLE**

1. [C] a circle of any material, or any group of things or people in a circular shape or arrangement

The game involved throwing metal rings over a stick.

The children sat in a ring around the teacher.

2. [C] a circular piece of jewellery worn especially on your finger

He bought her a diamond/emerald/etc. ring (= a ring with a jewel fixed to it) .

3. [C] a group of people who help each other, often secretly and in a way which is to their advantage

a drug ring

a spy ring

See also ringleader

4. [C] (US USUALLY **element**) a circular piece of material often made of metal that can be heated in order to be used for cooking

a gas ring

an electric ring

5. [C] a special area where people perform or compete

a boxing ring

The horses trotted round the ring.

See also ringside

6. **rings**

two round handles at the ends of two long ropes which hang from the ceiling and which are used in gymnastics

ring /rɪŋ/ noun **SOUND**

8. [C] the sound a bell makes

There was a ring at the door.

He gave a ring at the door.

Reference

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