

Countable and uncountable nouns

Learn!

Countable nouns		Uncountable nouns
one book	four pieces	wood, coffee, air
three books	one child	freedom, health
one piece	four children	honesty, happiness

Honesty is the best policy.

The blue **pen** is on the table, but the red **pens** are on the desk.

Mary's **aunt** lives in Los Angeles and Sarah's two **aunts** live in Chicago.

Water is a vital element for life.

Coffee is grown in Mexico.

Your **information** is extremely useful.

Work it out!

1 Write *Countable* or *Uncountable* to complete the rules below.

- _____ nouns refer to individual items that we can count.
- _____ nouns usually refer to things that we cannot count as individual items.
- _____ nouns have a singular and a plural form.
- _____ nouns have only one form. We cannot use numbers with them.
- _____ nouns are always used with singular verbs.
- _____ can be used with singular or plural verbs.
- With _____ we *can* use a / an.
- With _____ we *cannot* use a / an.

Use!

1 Look at the underlined words in the sentences. Write C for countable and UN for uncountable.

- a. I have to wash my hair. _____
- b. The book did not contain any mistakes. _____
- c. How many people were on the bus? _____
- d. We need some bread. _____
- e. Can you give me some advice? _____
- f. That war ended many years ago. _____
- g. I can't find a glass for the lemonade. _____
- h. Gina has very good health. _____