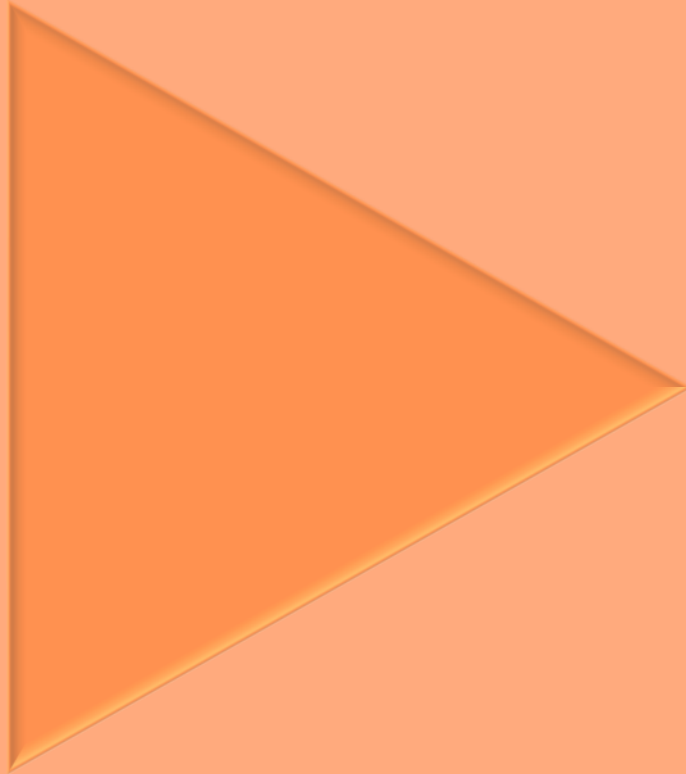


COUNTABLE – UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS



Structure

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Countable Nouns

Nouns that we can count

Singular countable nouns
a book – an apple – a
teacher etc.

Plural Countable Nouns
books – apples – students

You can use a /an with
singular countable nouns
For plurals you can use
plural -s

Uncountable Nouns

Nouns that can not be
counted

Always singular
Water-milk-money etc.

No plural form.

You can not use a-an or
plural -s

Countable Nouns

- Countable nouns has singular and plural forms
- A car-a book- a cat
- Cars- books – cats
- For singular countables use a-an
- I have a cat
- For plural countable nouns use plural –s
- I have two cats

Uncountable Nouns

- You can not use uncountable nouns with **a/an** or you can not make **plural**.
- I want **water**. (not **a water** – not **waters**)

Common Uncountable Nouns

- Materials
 - wood –iron- cotton etc.
- Food-Drinks-Liquids
 - cheese-water-tea-milk etc
- Languages
 - English–Spanish-French
- Abstract Ideas
 - love-time-knowledge etc.

A/An

- We use a an with singular countable nouns
- A cat – a chair – a table etc.
- Don't use with plural countable nouns
- Cats – (not a cats)
- Don't use a – an with uncountable nouns
- Milk (not a milk)
- Use a with the words starting a consonant sound
- A car – a student – a computer etc.
- Use an with the words starting a vowel sound
- An apple – an orange – an egg etc.

Some

- Use some with both plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns
- Some students
- Some water
- Use some in positive sentences
- I have some money
- There are some books on the table
- Use some in questions to offer something
- Would you like some cheese?
- Would you like some tea?

Any

- Use any with both plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns
- any students
- any water
- Use any in questions and negative sentences
- I don't have any money.
- There aren't any books on the table.
- Is there any water in the fridge?
- Do you have any friends?

Exercises

*Choose a –
some – any
to
complete
the
sentences*

- I have _____ time to talk.
- Is there _____ biscuits left?
- There is _____ cat on the roof.
- I ate _____ apple for lunch.
- Would you like _____ milk with your coffee?
- There aren't _____ students in the classroom.
- I need _____ money.
- There is _____ water in the fridge.

Answer Key

- I have **some** time to talk.
- Is there **any** biscuits left?
- There is **a** cat on the roof.
- I ate **an** apple for lunch.
- Would you like **some** milk with your coffee?
- There aren't **any** students in the classroom.
- I need **some** money.
- There is **some** water in the fridge..