

Countable and uncountable nouns

Use

Nouns are used to name things

Form

Nouns are either countable or uncountable in English

<i>Countable Nouns</i>	
	<i>Example</i>
Can be counted	<i>one house</i>
Can have singular and plural forms	<i>five houses</i>
Use singular and plural forms	<i>the house has a garden</i> <i>the houses have gardens</i>
Use a or an in front of them	<i>a house</i>
Use not many and a few in front of them	<i>There are not many houses</i> <i>There are a few houses</i>
Examples of countable nouns in a sentence	There are fifteen <i>apples</i> in the bowl She has seven <i>cats</i> I only have <i>one friend</i>

<i>Uncountable Nouns</i>	
	<i>Example</i>
Cannot be counted	<i>rice</i>
There is only one form	<i>rice (not rices)</i>
Use a singular verb	<i>There is no rice</i> <i>(NOT – There are no rice)</i>
Use not much and a little in front of them.	<i>There is a little rice left</i> <i>there is not much rice left</i>
Examples of uncountable nouns in a sentence	Do you have <i>sugar</i> ? <i>Information</i> is available here There is no <i>furniture</i> at home

How to make uncountable nouns countable

To make uncountable nouns countable you can describe the container, weight or volume.

Use “a.... of....”

Describe the container			
a	bottle cup tin glass jar packet carton tube box	of	wine tea paint milk honey crisps juice toothpaste chocolates

Describe the amount			
a	litre pound kilo slice loaf pint _____ piece bit	of	water flour sugar cheese bread beer _____ information news

