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A2 NOUNS/PLURALS ≈ 27 MIN

Countable and Uncountable Nouns — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now sort units and amounts on paper too. New examples, same countability rule.

Countable: **a/an** and a plural · uncountable: **no a/an, no plural** — an exact number counts the portion: "a piece of …"

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YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE? · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Say each phrase quietly. Can the noun take **a/an** and form a plural? → left column. If not → right column. Watch out for the classic traps like advice and equipment!

weekly meeting · helpful advice · signed contract · modern equipment · quick question

heavy luggage · spare laptop · office furniture · new colleague · accounting software

COUNTABLE — A/AN · PLURAL -S	UNCOUNTABLE — NO A/AN · NO PLURAL

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE RIGHT QUANTITY WORD · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill each gap. Sometimes a quantity word fits (**much**, **many**, **little**), sometimes a portion with **piece of** or **loaf of**, sometimes the verb **is**. Decide first: is the noun countable?

01 How _____ time do we have before the client call?

02 Look — there _____ some new software on my laptop!

03 For the workshop we ordered three _____ from the bakery.

04 There is only a _____ homework left — I'm nearly done.

05 Before the meeting, Ana gave me two _____ about the venue.

06 How _____ people are coming to the workshop?

07 He told me one interesting _____ this morning.

08 I have _____ lot of emails to answer before lunch.

YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING
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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one countability mistake — a wrong plural, a wrong quantity word, or a wrong verb. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 The informations in this report is out of date.

02 We ordered new furnitures for the meeting room.

03 How many money do we have for the team event?

04 We got a homework from the trainer yesterday.

05 The news about the merger are surprising.

06 He has a lot of works this month.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt. Check each noun's countability first — then the article, plural, and quantity word will fall into place.

01 Your working day: "There is a lot of … today." — an uncountable noun (work, homework …).

02 Your office: "There is some new … in the meeting room." — an uncountable noun (equipment, furniture …).

03 Your week: "I have three … this week." — a countable noun in the plural (workshops, meetings …).

04 A thank-you: "My colleague gave me a piece of …" — a trap noun after a piece of (feedback, advice …).

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I can tell whether an English noun is countable or uncountable.
- ☐ I can use countable nouns correctly: a/an in the singular, a plural form for several — "a meeting", "two meetings".
- ☐ I can leave out a/an and the plural ending with uncountable nouns like information, advice, and work.
- ☐ I can express an exact number with a portion phrase: "a piece of advice", "two loaves of bread".

Still unsure? Review the lesson at your own pace and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **a** weekly meeting · two weekly **meetings**
"Meeting" is countable — it takes a/an and a plural form.

02 helpful advice — **no a/an, no plural**
"Advice" is uncountable — never a/an, never a plural.

03 **a** signed contract · two signed **contracts**
"Contract" is countable and forms a regular plural.

04 modern equipment — **no a/an, no plural**
"Equipment" is a classic trap — uncountable, no plural.

05 **a** quick question · two quick **questions**
"Question" is countable — a question, two questions.

06 heavy luggage — **no a/an, no plural**
"Luggage" is uncountable — even for many suitcases.

07 **a** spare laptop · two spare **laptops**
"Laptop" is countable — a laptop, two laptops.

08 office furniture — **no a/an, no plural**
"Furniture" is uncountable — the collective word takes no plural.

09 **a** new colleague · two new **colleagues**
"Colleague" is countable — people are counted one by one.

10 accounting software — **no a/an, no plural**
"Software" is uncountable — no plural like "softwares".

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 How **much** time
"Time" is uncountable here — a quantity question takes much.

02 there **is** some new software
Software is uncountable — the phrase counts as singular, so is.

03 three **loaves of bread**
Bread is uncountable — the number three counts the loaves.

04 only a **little** homework
Homework is uncountable — a small amount takes a little.

05 two **pieces of information**
Information is uncountable — the number two needs the unit pieces.

06 How **many** people
People is a countable plural — a number question takes many.

07 one interesting **piece of news**
News is uncountable — one item = a piece of news.

08 **a** lot of emails
A lot of works with countable plurals — emails stays plural.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 The **information** in this report is out of date.
Information is uncountable and forms no plural.

02 We ordered new **furniture** for the meeting room.
Furniture is uncountable — no plural form.

03 How **much** money do we have for the team event?
Money is uncountable — quantity questions take much.

04 We got **some** homework from the trainer yesterday.
Homework is uncountable and never takes a/an.

05 The news about the merger **is** surprising.
News looks plural but is treated as singular — so is.

06 He has a lot of **work** this month.
Work (labour) is uncountable — no plural works.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that the article, plural, and quantity word match your nouns' countability.

01 "There is a lot of **homework** today."
Homework is uncountable — after a lot of it takes no ending.

02 "There is some new **equipment** in the meeting room."
Equipment is uncountable — some plus the singular verb is.

03 "I have three **workshops** this week."
Workshop is countable — after three use the plural.

04 "My colleague gave me a piece of **feedback**."
Piece makes feedback countable — the noun itself stays unchanged.

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