

Countable and uncountable nouns, quantifiers

Brief revision

Countable nouns have a singular and a plural form. In plural, these nouns can be used with a number (that's why they are called 'countable nouns'). They can be **singular** or **plural**, eg. words like *car, book, chair*.

Uncountable nouns can only be used in singular. These nouns cannot be used with a number (that's why they are called 'uncountable nouns'). They are **only singular**, eg. words like *petrol, rice, water*..

The following words are **uncountable** in English. They are normally only singular, and we cannot use *a / an* with them.

advice baggage bread furniture hair information knowledge luck luggage news spaghetti travel work

Practice

A/ Circle the **uncountable** nouns.

cup dog flower guitar love meat music ear oil photo river salt snow sugar women wool

B/ Put **a** with the **countable** nouns and **some** with the **uncountable** nouns.

.... bread, cheque, baggage, fridge, furniture, handbag, holiday, knowledge, luck, newspaper, problem, station, travel, work

Answer key:

A love, meat, music, oil, salt, snow, sugar, wool

B a cheque, a fridge, a handbag, a holiday, a newspaper, a problem, a station,

More practice on the website below. Read also the notes on your score!

<http://perso.wanadoo.es/autoenglish/count.htm>

Quantifiers

The most common quantifiers used in English are:

some / any , much, many, a lot, a few, several, enough

Go through the website and read about quantifiers.

<http://linguapress.com/grammar/quantifiers.htm>

More practical tasks on the websites:

<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/vocabulary/much-many>

<http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/vocabulary/little-few>

