

T 1 Countable and uncountable nouns; Articles

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1. Which of these nouns are uncountable (U)?

advice, letter, water, sandwich, rice, blood, beach, accident, electricity, petrol, knife
suggestion, flour, photograph, tooth, interview, traffic, money, luggage, information, weather,
mouse, wolf, news

2a) These nouns can be both C and U, depending on the meaning. What do they mean?

work, paper, noise, room, iron, light, experience

2b) Use the word in bold in the correct form + supply articles where necessary:

1. **hair** - There's _____ on your shirt. vs. She has long blond _____.
2. **life** - His father had _____ interesting _____. vs. _____ is complicated sometimes.
3. **noise** - I heard _____ in the middle of the night. vs. There's too much _____ here.
4. **light** - There were four _____ in the room. vs. There's more _____ by the window.
5. **iron** - Have you got _____? (=for clothes) vs. The bridge is made of _____.
6. **time** - I have been to France many _____. vs. I can't stop. I haven't got _____.
7. **paper** - I bought _____ in the morning. vs. I need some _____ to write on.
8. **painting** - That's _____ nice _____ over there. vs. I am not good at _____.
9. **chicken** - There was _____ in the backyard. vs. I don't eat _____.
10. **room** - I have _____ of my own. vs. There isn't enough _____ for a piano here.
11. **stone** - The castle is made of _____. vs. He threw _____ at the dog.
12. **cake** - My mum baked _____ for me. vs. Have some _____ / a piece of cake.
13. **glass** - I broke _____ while washing up. vs. _____ is made from sand.

3. Correct the mistakes in these sentences:

1. If you are hungry, have sandwich.
2. That's very good idea.
3. There weren't much furniture in the room.
4. The news are quite good.
5. John is unemployed. He has been looking for a work for several months.
6. My luggages are still in the car.
7. Your hair are too long. You should have it cut.

8. Do you have any luggage? – Just this two bags.
9. I asked the doctor for an advice.
10. I have no informations concerning the meeting.
11. He wears a glasses for reading.
12. He got the job because he has got a lot of experiences.
13. Why is your clothes dirty? What have you been doing?

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1. Noun + noun

What /Who is this?

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| a) a hospital for animals = | g) a bowl for sugar = |
| b) a shop selling souvenirs = | h) a bag for sleeping in = |
| c) someone who drives a bus = | i) a room for waiting in = |
| d) a bag made of paper = | j) a machine for washing clothes = |
| e) a knife for cutting bread = | k) the lights in the street = |
| f) a race for horses = | l) a box for letters = |

2. 's or of

1. Compare:

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| 1a) <u>The boy's</u> father is a policeman. | 2a) <u>The man's</u> name sounded familiar. |
| 1b) <u>The boys'</u> father is a policeman. | 2b) <u>The men's</u> names sounded familiar. |

2. Complete the sentences using the words in brackets:

1. I know _____ (Jane/mother), but I've never met her father.
2. I have left the keys in my _____ (parents/house).
3. I'm sorry, I can't remember _____ (book/name).
4. Did you know that _____ (the Carters/ house) is for sale?
5. _____ (John and Mary/children) are all studying at university.
6. His _____ (children/teacher) wants him to come to the school.
7. There was a beautiful castle on the _____ (hill/top).
8. We met at a concert at the _____ (month/beginning).
9. The _____ (population/world) is growing by 200,000 people a day.
10. _____ (St James/church) is one of the most beautiful in this town.