



COUNTABLE X UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

QUANTIFIERS (many / much; few / a few; little / a little...)

Countable nouns (e.g. a man, a school, a window)

Singular: a / the school Plural: schools / the schools

Uncountable nouns (milk, homework, information)

Singular: -/some/the homework NO plural form → **verb always in singular!!!**

List of common uncountables:

- Substances:** plastic, iron, wood, paper...
- Liquids and gases:** water, oxygen...
- Drinks:** coffee, milk, tea, juice...
- Food:** chicken, yogurt, toast ...
- Abstract ideas:** happiness, anger, love...
- Mass nouns:** equipment, furniture, luggage...

The nouns below are also **UNCOUNTABLE**:

- work/homework/housework...
- advice
- information
- knowledge
- news

a piece of, two pieces of...

PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Let me give you **an/some** advice.
- 2 Kate doesn't like **---/a** milk.
- 3 Could you pass me **the/---** tea, please?
- 4 There's **some/a** coffee left.
- 5 There is **a/some** woman waiting outside the cinema.
- 6 We must find **a/some information/informations** about the departure.
- 7 Money **is/are** very important to him.
- 8 None of the passengers had insured their **baggage/baggages**.

Quantifiers

Countables	Uncountables	Both: C/U
How many...?	How much?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a lot of/lots of • enough • hardly any ("hardly any" + positive form of verb) • no
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many • a few (několik) • few (málo) • several (několik) • both (oba) • a couple of (pár, "2-4") 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • much (ONLY in negative or question!!!) • a little (trochu) • little (málo) • a bit of (informal; trochu) 	

PRACTICE

2 Complete the questions with *How much...?* or *How many...?*

A _____ homework do you usually get?

B _____ people are there in your class?

C _____ coffee do you drink a day?

D _____ does a cup of coffee cost?

E _____ languages do you speak?

F _____ information has leaked out?

3 Complete these sentences with *much*, *many*, and *a lot (of)*.

A It cost me _____ money to buy that present.

B We didn't take _____ pictures when we were on holiday.

C He always puts _____ salt on his food.

D They don't have _____ furniture in their flat. They've just moved in.

E Tom drinks _____ milk – at least one litre a day.

F We must hurry as we don't have _____ time.

G She is a very quiet person. She doesn't say _____.

4 Complete the sentences with appropriate quantifiers.

A Listen carefully. I'm going to give you _____ (*jednu radu*) advice.

B Do you mind if I ask you _____ (*několik otázek*) questions?

C The cinema was almost empty. Very _____ (*málo lidí*) people were there.

D The weather has been very dry recently. We've had _____ (*málo deště*) rain.

E I don't think Jill would be a good teacher. She's got _____ (*málo trpělivosti*) patience.

F 'Would you like milk in your coffee?' 'Yes, please. _____ (*trochu*)'.

G Can you lend me _____ (*několik*) dollars?