



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

## 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?