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Countable and Uncountable Nouns

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Countable and uncountable nouns are two categories used to classify nouns based on their accountability .

1- " Countable nouns "

Those are that can be counted and have a plural form :

e.g – book → books

- chair → chairs

- car → cars

* **Countable nouns are individual items or subject that can be counted .**

* **They have both singular and plural forms :**

e.g- " pen " (singular) become " pens "

* **You can use numbers (one , two , three, etc.)and the words " a / an " with countable nouns :**

e.g – I have three bags .

e.g- She bought an apple .

e.g-She owns a cat .

2- " uncountable nouns "

These are nouns that cannot be counted or do not have a plural form . It also known as non-count or mass nouns are substances , concepts or qualities that can not be counted as individual units . They are treated as singular and do not have a plural form .

e.g- " water " , " money " and " information " . You cannot say " waters " , " moneys " , and " informations "

e.g-I need to drink some water .

e.g-He has a lot of knowledge .

***uncountable nouns refer to things that cannot be measures as individual items .**

***They do not have a plural form and are always used in the singular:**

e.g- water remain in both singular and plural contexts .

***You cannot use " a / an " with uncountable nouns . Instead , you can use words like " some " , " a lot of " or " a little " to indicate an unspecified quantity .**

Usage of :

1-" much "

is used with uncountable nouns , which are things that cannot be easily counted or quantified .It indicates al rage quantity or amount .It is mostly used in negative questions or sentences .

e.g – She did not have **much** time to finish the project .

e.g-There is not **much** sugar left in the jar .

e.g-**How much** is the entrance fee ?

e.g- It dose not need **much** milk .

2-"Many "

is used with uncountable nouns , which are things that can be counted and quantified . It indicates a large number or quantity .It is often used in questions and negative sentences .

e.g-There are many books on the shelf .

e.g-How many people are attending the event ?

e.g-Dose she want many dresses ?

e.g-They don't have many toys .

3-"A lot of "

It is an informal expression that can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns (negative , positive and question) . It is used to indicate a large number , quantity ,or amount . It is commonly used in spoken English .

e.g-She has a lot of money in my bag .

e.g-They are got a lot of orange juice .

e.g-I have a lot of time .

e.g-He drank a lot of water .

4-"Lots of "

It is an informal expression that can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns (negative , positive and question) . It is used to indicate a large number , quantity ,or amount . It is more informal than " much " or " many " it is commonly used in spoken English and It can be used interchangeably .

e.g-There are lots of cars in the parking lot .

e.g-They have lots of experiences in their field .

e.g –Listening to the music is lots of fun .

e.g-There are lots of milk in the buckets .

*** Remember , " a lot " is not a correct spelling in English . The correct form is " a lot" (two words) .**

