

Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Lesson plan

Time: 40 - 60 minutes

Level: *****[B1/B2/C1]

Lesson Plan

Aim: to develop the students' awareness of countable / uncountable nouns, quantifiers and irregular plural nouns.

1. Lead in

- Ask Students to discuss 'uncountable nouns'
- Feedback as a class and write up some of the words (water, air, money, etc...)
- Using the word '██████████' - ask how to make this countable?
- Elicit quantifiers; *much, some, any, enough, a lot of, an amount of, a great deal of*.
- Try to also elicit '██████████' like 'a piece of information' (basic level), or more advanced = 'an item of', 'a lack of', 'a source of information'.
- Lastly, ask if 'hair' is countable or uncountable? Elicit that it is both: her hair is blonde (uncountable), I've '██████████' soup (countable). Or 'coffee' for example; coffee is grown in Costa Rica (uncountable UC), to '██████████' (countable C).

Activity #1: [cut up activity sheet 1 - give out to group of 3/4] - Students take a noun and put it under the heading of countable / both / uncountable.

After 10 minutes tell students that Countable = 9 / Both = 10 / Uncountable = 21 words.

After 10 minutes more give out answers or feedback. Highlight verb forms in **BOLD**.

Answers for both: to do business (UC), I have a business (C) / to '██████████' (UC), to be a gossip (C), to ask '██████████' (UC), to '██████████' (er) (C) / to produce iron (UC), to have an iron for the clothes (C), paper (UC), to write a [research] paper (C) / toast '██████████' (UC), to make a toast (C) / '██████████' (UC), a work '██████████' (C).

Activity #2: [Uncountable exercise sheet (20 minutes)] - students work through the sentences to identify the mistake and make corrections. Feedback as whole class or use answer sheet.

Activity #3: [Speaking - cut up the cards] - students take a card and discuss the topics for 309 seconds to a minute each.

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Countable	Both	Uncountable
Army		Accommodation
	Chicken	
Class		Behaviour
	Gossip	
Decision		Equipment
	Help	
Government		Furniture
	Paper	
People		Homework
	Work	
View		Knowledge
		Media
		Press
		Police
		Scenery
		Traffic

Countable Nouns **ANSWERS**

<u>countable</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>uncountable</u>
Army	Business	Accommodation
Children	Chicken	Advice
Class	Coffee	Behaviour
Crowd	Gossip	Data

ALL ANSWERS IN PAID VERSION...

Words in **bold** can use the singular or plural verb form:

The government is/are changing the laws.

The Media is/are reporting the news live.

BUT the police / people is only a plural verb (**are**):

The police are investigating the crime

Irregular Plural Nouns

woman/women: man/men: person/people: : fish/fish:

tooth/teeth: life/lives: phenomenon/phenomena:

crisis/crises:

Countable Nouns: correct the mistakes

some / any / much / a lot / a piece of / an amount of / a great deal of / a type of

1. There is a lot of informations on this website.
2. I need to [redacted] of paper.
3. Six hundred member of staffs work here at the university.
4. There are [redacted] of the city.
5. I have two [redacted] UK.
6. She [redacted] week.
7. The Police is very quick in their response to terrorism in London.
8. There are a lot [redacted] sentence.
9. How [redacted] holiday?
10. There is only a few people here in the class today?
11. Tonight, [redacted].
12. I hope to do [redacted] future.
13. We have [redacted] leave.
14. I need to buy a memory stick with a piece of data on it.
15. He has [redacted] history.
16. The police is [redacted] burglary.
17. There [redacted].
18. Do you have **some / any** cash? (What's the difference between **some** & **any**?).
19. There is [redacted].
20. Smoking [redacted] health.

L1 LANGUAGE: Are these countable in your language:

accommodation, advice, baggage, behavior, bread, furniture, information, luggage, news, progress, traffic, travel, trouble, weather, work

Countable Nouns **ANSWERS**

1. There is a lot of **information** on this website.
2. I need to go into town to buy **an** large amount of paper.

ALL ANSWERS IN PAID VERSION...

Speaking - uncountable nouns

What's your accommodation like? [REDACTED]	What advice would [REDACTED] holiday in your [REDACTED]	How much cash do [REDACTED]
What information do [REDACTED]	Have you heard any gossip recently?	What was the main [REDACTED]
What types of furniture would you like to buy next?	What type of coffee [REDACTED]	Do you need to make [REDACTED] what?
What was your first [REDACTED]	What's the traffic [REDACTED]	Do you worry about [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	Is there any evidence [REDACTED] university?	How much [REDACTED]
Have you ever had to [REDACTED] for [REDACTED]	Can you describe the [REDACTED]	What type of behaviour do you dislike in public?
If you start your own [REDACTED]	What are you doing [REDACTED]	Where do you want [REDACTED]