



Nouns

Countable and
Uncountable



These things can be counted:
boy, egg, family, thing

a chicken - the whole animal
a glass - the container you drink from

a paper - a newspaper
a hair - the black thing that grows on your body.

Some words are **both countable and uncountable**. The meaning is different:

chicken - the meat
glass - the material

paper - the material
hair - what you have on your head



They do not divide into smaller parts:
furniture, money, intelligence

Liquids and things that melt:
milk, water, lemonade, coffee, iron, steel, ice

Things that are smaller than lentils:
rice, sugar, flour, sand, salt

Other expressions:
money, furniture, luggage, news

Things you cannot take into your hand:
work, health, happiness, truth

Food you have to cut to eat in a civilised way:
bread, meat, cheese

COUNTABLE NOUNS

Nouns which can be counted and have a singular and plural form

Мы используем **a/an** перед исчисляемыми
существительными в ед. числе

a + consonant sound

an + vowel sound



Three oranges



Two oranges

COUNTABLE NOUNS

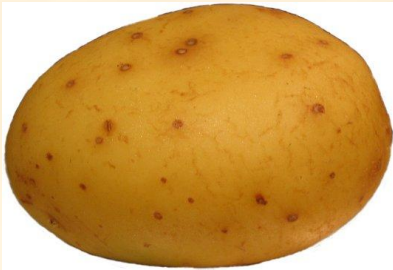
SINGULAR:

a + *noun*

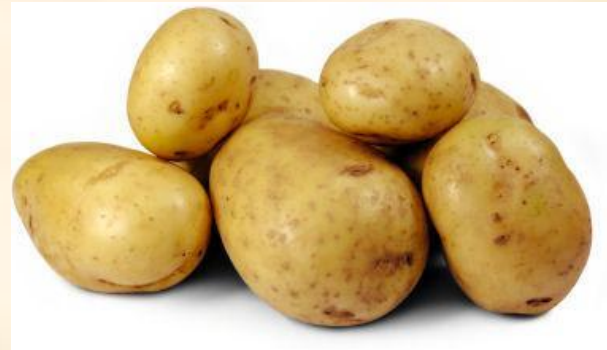
one + *noun*

PLURAL:

noun + **-s**



a potato



potatoes

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS



- nouns which cannot be counted and they usually have no plural
- **food:** cheese, butter, sugar, meat, jam etc.
- **liquids:** coffee, water, milk, tea, oil etc.
- **materials:** gold, iron, wood, paper etc.
- **abstract nouns:** beauty, love, sadness etc.

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS



Be careful! These nouns are usually uncountable:

information, advice, weather, news, bread,
hair, furniture, work, money



UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS



- They are followed by a verb in the singular
- We do not use a/an or one but we can use **some**



UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

some meat

There **is** some meat on the table



some milk

There **is** some milk in the glass



Мы используем *some* в утвердительных предложениях, *any* в вопросах (кроме вопросов, начинающихся на *would*, *can*) и в отрицаниях

Для того чтобы выразить количество
можно использовать

some;

a lot of;

much;

a bit of;

a great deal of.

COUNTABLE NOUNS**UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS**

We've got
There are

a lot of books

plenty of books

some books

a few books

several (= +3) books

a couple of (= 2)
books

We've got
There is

a lot of rice

plenty of rice

some rice

a little rice

We haven't got
There aren't

a lot of books

many books

any (= zero) books

We haven't got
There isn't

A lot of rice

much rice

any (= zero) rice

Are there any books?
How many books are there?
None / A couple / A few / Not many /
Four, five, six.... / A lot

Is there any rice?
How much rice is there?
None / Not much / A little/ A lot

**How Much
or
How Many**



How Much



**Uncountable
Nouns**

How Many



**Countable
Nouns**

Все неисчисляемые существительные согласуются только с глаголом в единственном числе **is** и, соответственно, стоят только в единственном числе, в том числе и некоторые существительные, которые в русском языке имеют множественное число, в английском стоят в единственном (watch, money, news)

Есть существительные, которые и в английском и в русском языках используются только во множественном числе, например: **Trousers** – брюки, **jeans** – джинсы, **pyjamas** – пижама, **pants** – штаны, **scissors** – ножницы, **spectacles/glasses** – очки, **arms** – герб, **goods** – товары, **customs** – таможня, **groceries** – продукты, **clothes** – одежда, **thanks** – благодарность.