

# **Countable and Uncountable nouns**



# Countable nouns

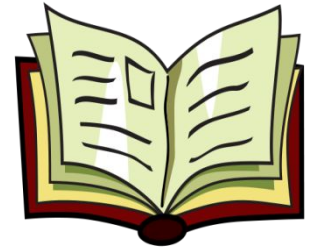
□ Things we can count .

□ Example **cats**

- - My brother has a **cat**
- - My sister has two **cats**
- - My friend has three **cats**



# Countable nouns



## Other examples:

- ▣ **Things** : book, table, computer, pen , banana, shirt, television , house,
- ▣ **People** – man , woman ,child , friend , uncle , teacher, boss



# Uncountable nouns

- Things we can't count , or can't divide into individual units

# Uncountable nouns

## Examples:

### ▣ IDEAS / CONCEPTS

-love , fun , sadness, work, peace, safety

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# Uncountable nouns

Words related to **information** are also uncountable

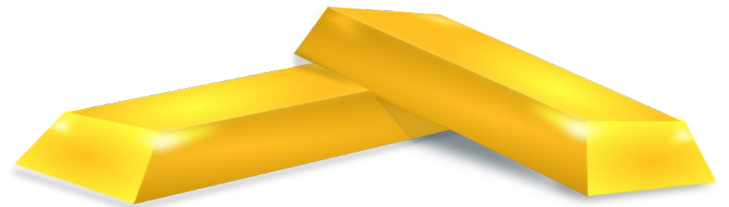
- **Information**

- advice , information , news, knowledge



# Uncountable nouns

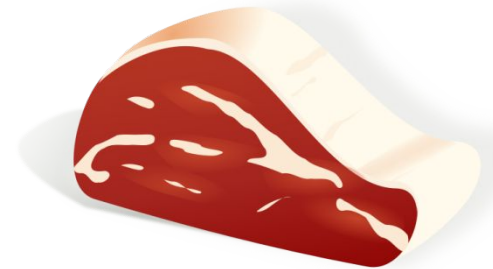
- **Materials** are also uncountable
- **Materials**
- Gold , silver , paper , wool , wood , plastic , metal , glass



# Uncountable nouns

## Category words are often uncountable

- Category words
- music , furniture , equipment , jewellery , literature , meat





# Uncountable nouns

There are **liquids** and other **foods** that can't be counted

- Water , butter , rice , flour , milk





# Uncountable nouns

▣ Never add -s to uncountable nouns



▣ I need some informations 

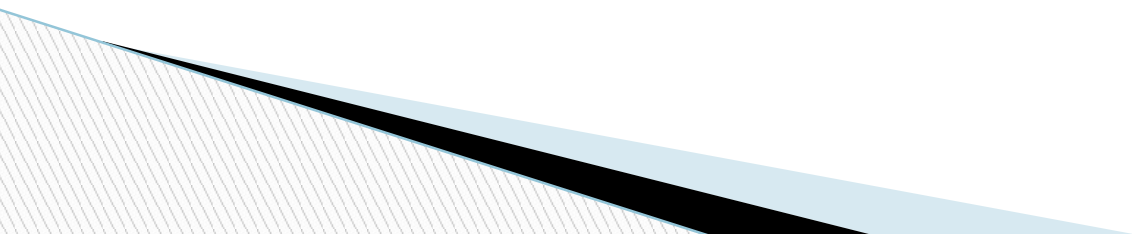
▣ I need some information 

# Uncountable nouns

- Never add -s to uncountable nouns . You can use other words to help quantify uncountable nouns
- He gave me two advices 
- He gave me two pieces of advice 

# Uncountable nouns

- With food we often use the container to make the noun countable
- Don't say -
- I bought two milks and three rices 
- Instead say -
- I bought two bottles of milk and three boxes of rice 




# Countable nouns

## You can use quantifiers:

- SOME, ANY, MANY, A LOT OF, NO
- How **many** books do you have in your backpack?
- I have **some** books in my backpack.
- I have **no** books.
- I don't have **any** books.
- Do you have **any** books?

# Uncountable nouns

With uncountable nouns you can use :

- SOME, ANY, MUCH, A LOT OF, NO
  - How much homework do you have?
  - I have some homework.
  - I don't have any homework.
  - I have no homework.
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# Some

We usually use **some** in positive sentences for countable and uncountable nouns.

- I have **some** friends in London
- I usually drink **some** wine with my meal.

Sometimes we use **some** in a question, when we expect a positive YES answer.

- Would you like **some** more tea?
  - Could I have **some** more sugar please?
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# Any

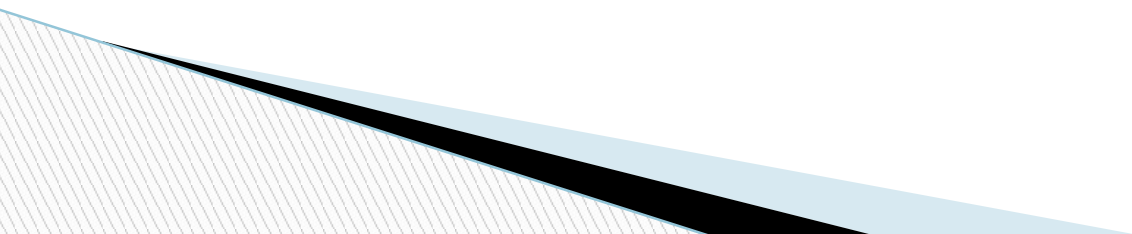
We use any with plural nouns or uncountable nouns

**Any** is used in negative sentences

- I don't have **any** friends.
- There isn't **any** bread left.

**Any** is used in questions

- Do you have **any** money?
- Is there **any** sugar?



# There are some trains.



# There is a bike.



# There is an airplane.



**There are a lot of bikes.**



# There are some cars.



Drive first class,  
pay economy.

# There are some buses



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# There is a bus

