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Countable & Uncountable Nouns

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nouns

countable and uncountable nouns

Nouns - what we know

A noun is a word used as the name of a person, place, thing or idea.

Jon is smiling

Jon is a good person

Jon is on holiday

Noun				
Person	Place	Thing	Animal	Idea
Maria	Park	Table	Cat	Love
Ali	School	Pen	Goat	Bravery
John	Asia	Book	Lion	Strength
Scarlet	Lahore	Phone	Parrot	Fear
Iqbal	Village	Fan	Dog	Power

Nouns - what we know

Proper nouns

Common nouns

family

countries

jobs

Singular and plural nouns

Irregular nouns

countable / non-countable nouns

Nouns - what we know

Common nouns

city, country, frog, river and mountain

Proper nouns

Chiang Mai, Thailand, Kermit, Amazon and Everest

Nouns - what we know

Concrete nouns

a physical thing, e.g. dog, ball, cliff

Abstract nouns

not a physical thing,
e.g. freedom, happiness, sadness - can you see or touch
sadness?

Nouns - what we know

singular noun

talks about only one thing like saying “one cat” or “a book”

plural noun

talks about more than one thing like saying “many cats” or
“some books”

plural nouns

Nouns change when there are more than one

~~Wrong: I have two dog~~

Correct: I have two dogs

Nouns - what we know

regular nouns

- one flower, two flowers
- one week, two weeks
- one place, two places
- one pot, two pots

irregular nouns

Single: leaf, child, fungus,
mouse, sheep

Plural: leaves, children,
fungi, mice, sheep

countable nouns

we have looked at plural nouns (student => students)

but

some nouns are not 'countable' (1 student, 2 students, ...)

so nouns are countable nouns or uncountable nouns

For example:

"apple" "rice" "bread"

two apples

~~two rice~~

~~two bread~~

two apples

a bowl of rice

two slices of bread

I bought two apples.

I need some rice for the recipe.

Can you buy a loaf of bread?

countable and uncountable nouns

Countable Nouns:

- I bought three bananas.
- He has two pizzas for the party.
- The children ate five cookies after school.
- We picked six oranges from the tree.
- There are eight tomatoes in the basket.

countable and uncountable nouns

Uncountable Nouns:

- I need some flour for baking.
- She enjoys drinking tea in the morning.
- Can you pass me a little salt, please?
- We bought a bottle of water at the store.
- The recipe calls for a cup of sugar.
- He prefers coffee with a splash of milk.

countable and uncountable nouns?

- My friend gave me four chocolates.
- Some words can be used with different meanings

uncountable

- chocolate bar
 - e.g. I ate 2 pieces of chocolate



countable

- box of chocolates
 - e.g. I took 3 chocolates



COUNTABLES



BUN



SANDWICH



APPLE



ORANGE



BURGER



FRIES



EGGS



SALAD



VEGETABLES



COOKIES



POTATOES



TOMATO



CARROT



HOT DOG



CANDIES



OLIVES



PEANUTS



PANCAKES



ONION



WATERMELON



PEA



GRAPES



CHEERIES

UNCOUNTABLES



BREAD



FRUIT



JUICE



MEAT



RICE



CEREAL



JAM



MILK



COFFEE



SUGAR



FLOUR



OIL



SALT



SOUP



TEA



COTTAGE
CHEESE



PASTA



HONEY



WATER



CHEESE



BUTTER

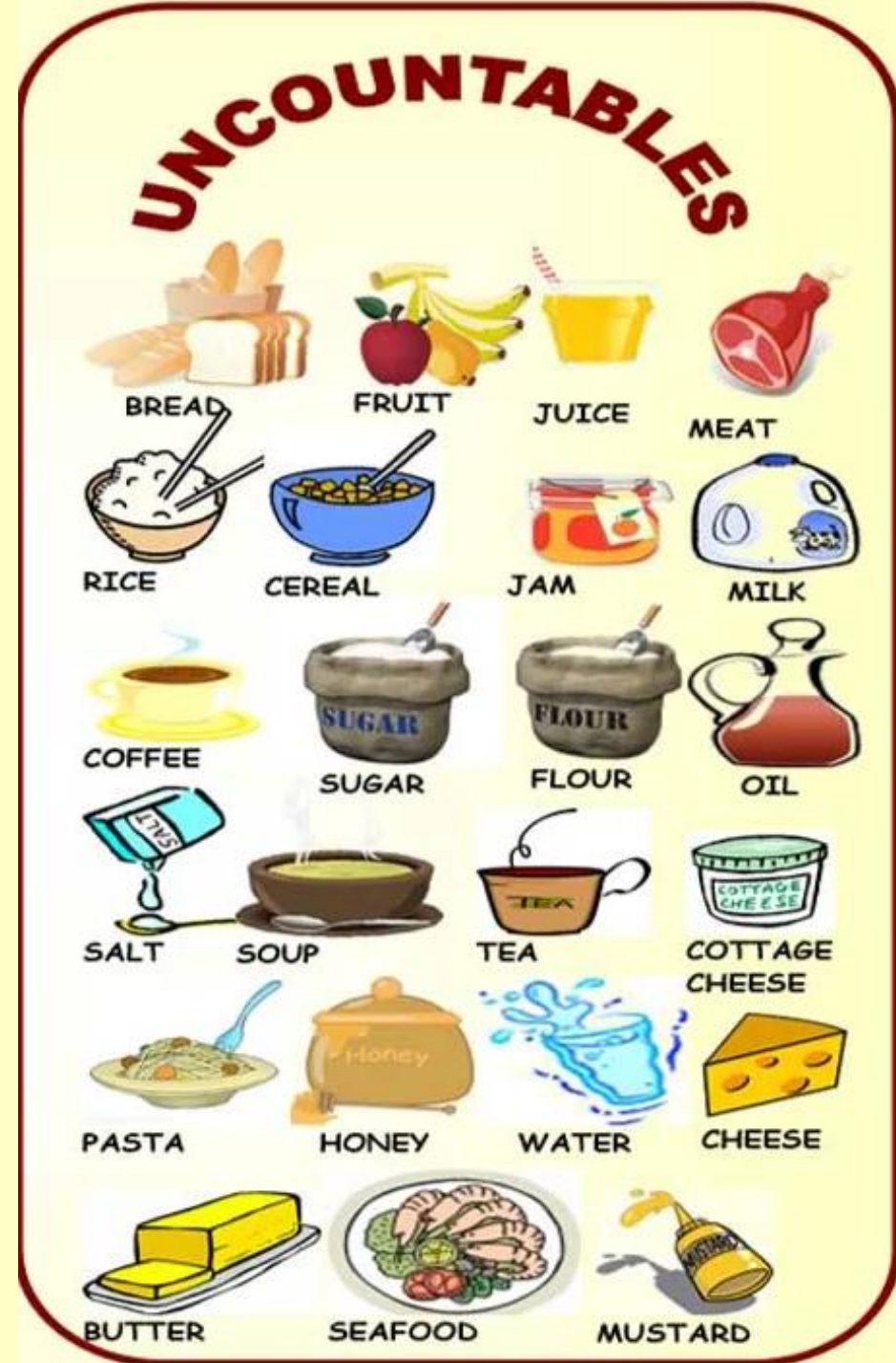


SEAFOOD



MUSTARD

A bag of flour
A bottle of oil
A bowl of rice
A bowl of soup
A bowl of cereal
A cup of coffee
A cup of tea
A glass of milk
A glass of water
A jar of honey
A jar of jam
A jar of mustard
A piece of cheese
A piece of fruit
A piece of meat
A pinch of salt
A plate of pasta
A plate of seafood
A slice of bread
A slice of butter
A spoonful of sugar



exercise #1

listen to the following passage (first)

Lisa went to the grocery store

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try to see if any of the food or drinks use quantifiers

e.g. A glass of water - water is an uncountable noun

exercise #1 - countable or uncountable

mark each item as **countable (C)** or **uncountable (U)**



1. eggs
2. bread
3. rice
4. milk
5. salad
6. tomatoes



C	U
C	



7. lettuce
8. cucumbers
9. watermelon
10. chocolate
11. sugar
12. coffee

C	U



exercise #1 - listen to the following passage again

Lisa went to the grocery store

https://www.alps.academy/countable_and_uncountable_nouns/

remember listen for food or drinks that use quantifiers

e.g. A glass of water - water is an uncountable noun

exercise #2

Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Read the following sentences and identify the countable or uncountable nouns.
Write "C" for countable and "U" for uncountable

there can be more than one answer in a sentence

C or U

- | | |
|---------|--|
| 1. C | 1. She bought two <u>dresses</u> for the party. |
| 2. | 2. Can you pass me some salt, please? |
| 3. | 3. My brother reads three books every month. |
| 4. | 4. I need a piece of advice on my project. |
| 5. C, U | 5. They have three <u>dogs</u> and some <u>milk</u> in the refrigerator. |
| 6. | 6. I prefer tea over coffee in the morning. |
| 7. | 7. He ate a hamburger and drank a glass of juice for lunch. |
| 8. | 8. There are many birds in the sky. |
| 9. | 9. The children played with toys in the garden. |
| 10. | 10. Please bring me a cup of tea with sugar. |

exercise #3

Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Read the following sentences and identify the countable nouns by underlining them and the uncountable nouns by circling them.

1. Can you pass me a couple of oranges and some fresh juice?
2. She bought three new shirts and a bottle of perfume at the mall.
3. My sister painted two beautiful paintings for the art exhibition.
4. We enjoyed a delicious meal with a plate of spaghetti and a bowl of soup.
5. The students in the class wrote three essays and shared some interesting information.
6. He received many gifts for his birthday, including a box of chocolates and a jar of cookies.

speaking / pronunciation
practice

common consonant clusters - "bl" as in "black"

- black
- blue
- bloom
- blend
- blink
- blame
- bless
- blow
- blade
- blast

common consonant clusters - “ch” as in “change”

- chair
- change
- chocolate
- chill
- chase
- check
- children
- chop
- church
- choice

common consonant clusters - "gl" as in "glad"

- glad
- glee
- glum
- glue
- glow
- globe
- glitter
- Glass
- glance
- glaze

common consonant clusters - "gr" as in "grapes"

- grapes
- grand
- great
- green
- group
- grow
- grin
- grill
- ground
- grocery

common consonant clusters - "sl" as in "sleep"

- sleep
- slide
- slight
- slow
- slip
- slang
- slime
- slice
- sling
- slam

common consonant clusters - “sm” as in “small”

- smart
- small
- smell
- smile
- smash
- smoke
- smooth
- smirk

common consonant clusters - st" as in "stop"

- stop
- start
- step
- stick
- street
- store
- stomach
- stone
- steady
- student

common consonant clusters - "th" as in "thing"

- thing
- think
- thank
- this
- thorn
- thirst
- thirteen
- thread
- thump
- thud

common consonant clusters - "tw" as in "twice"

- twice
- twist
- twin
- twelve
- twenty
- twig
- twitch
- two
- twinkle
- twilight

practice sounds in English

Course #1

<https://www.alps.academy/english-pronunciation-practice/>

What would you like to learn?

- reading practice exercises
- practice conversations
- pronunciation practice



/ɔɪ/ – as in “boy”

- boy
- toy
- joy
- coin
- noise
- voice
- choice
- enjoy
- join
- boil

/aɪ/ – as in “bike”

- bike
- like
- time
- fine
- five
- fly
- night
- high
- right
- sky

/ə/ – as in “sofa” (*start*)

- about
- alone
- among
- alive
- adore
- arrive
- aside
- abandon
- afford
- accuse

/ə/ – as in “sofa” (*end*)

- extra
- cinema
- drama
- data
- idea
- mama
- opera
- banana
- comma
- drama

Consonant Sounds in English

/m/ – as in “mat”

- map
- mom
- man
- mud
- mop

/n/ – as in “nut”

- nap
- net
- not
- nose
- nut

/p/ – as in “pat”

- pen
- pig
- pot
- pop
- pat

/t/ – as in “top”

- tip
- tap
- tom
- tent
- tan

listening practice

All the _____ are brown
And the sky is _____
I've been for a walk
On a _____'s day
I'd be safe and warm
If I was in L.A.
California _____
On such a _____'s day

Stopped in to a _____
I passed along the way
Well, I got down on my _____
And I pretend to pray
You know the preacher liked the _____
He knows I'm gonna _____
California _____
On such a _____'s day

California dreaming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-aK6JnyFmk>

All the _____ are brown
And the sky is _____
I've been for a walk
On a _____'s day
If I didn't tell her

I could leave today
California _____
On such a _____'s day
On such a _____'s day
On such a _____'s day

cold winter grey
church knees
stay leaves
dreaming

vocabulary

vocabulary

what is a collocation?

a correct use of words together

- e.g. 'heavy rain' but not strong rain
- e.g. 'do exercise' but not make exercise

common collocations

- Make a bed
- Take a shower
- Have breakfast
- Go to school
- Do homework
- Read a book
- Write a letter
- Listen to music
- Watch TV
- Meet a friend
- Eat lunch
- Drink coffee
- Play a game
- Visit a friend
- Use a computer
- Buy groceries
- Take a break
- Open a door
- Close a window
- Ask a question

exercise #1

match the collocations

Do
Eat
Go
Have
Listen to
~~Make~~
Play
Take
Watch
Write

1. Make a choice
2. _____ a chance
3. _____ a suggestion
4. _____ a job
5. _____ for a walk
6. _____ a lecture
7. _____ a movie
8. _____ a meal
9. _____ a sport
10. _____ a story

match the collocations

1. Make a choice
2. Take a chance
3. Have a suggestion
4. Do a job
5. Go for a walk
6. Listen to a lecture
7. Watch a movie
8. Eat a meal
9. Play a sport
10. Write a story

collocation meaning and example sentences

Make a choice

- To decide between options
- "make a choice between pizza and pasta for dinner."

Take a chance

- To do something risky or uncertain.
- "I decided to take a chance with a new style."

Have a suggestion

- To offer an idea or proposal.
- "Does anyone have a suggestion for our weekend plans?"

Do a job

- To complete a task.
- "I need to do a job and finish my homework before going out."

Go for a walk

- To take a walk for leisure.
- "Let's go for a walk in the park and enjoy the fresh air."

collocation meaning and example sentences

Listen to a lecture

- To pay attention to a formal presentation.
- "Students gathered to listen to a lecture on science."

Watch a movie

- To view a film.
- "On weekends, we like to watch a movie together as a family."

Eat a meal

- To consume food during a specific time.
- "It's important to eat a balanced meal for good health."

Play a sport:

- To participate in a game or physical activity.
- "Kids love to play a sport like soccer during recess."

Write a story

- To compose or create a narrative.
- "As a hobby, she likes to write a story every weekend."

exercise #2

match the collocations

~~Make~~

Choose

Ask

Plan

Read

Go on

Speak

Give

Complete

Take

1. Make a decision
2. _____ a break
3. _____ an opinion
4. _____ a task
5. _____ a trip
6. _____ a book
7. _____ a language
8. _____ a question
9. _____ a career
10. _____ an event

match the collocations

1. Make a decision
2. Take a break
3. Give an opinion
4. Complete a task
5. Go on a trip
6. Read a book
7. Speak a language
8. Ask a question
9. Choose a career
10. Plan an event

collocation meaning and example sentences

Make a decision:

- To choose something after thinking about it.
- "I need to make a decision about what to have for dinner."

Take a break:

- To stop working or doing something for a short time.
- "Let's take a break and have some tea."

Give an opinion:

- To share what you think about something.
- "Can you give your opinion on this movie? Did you like it?"

Complete a task:

- To finish a job or activity.
- "I need to complete my homework before going out to play."

Go on a trip:

- To travel to another place for a short period.
- "We're going on a trip to the beach this weekend."

collocation meaning and example sentences

Read a book:

- To look at and understand the words in a book.
- "I love to read a book before bedtime."

Speak a language:

- To use words and talk in a specific language.
- "She can speak three languages: English, Spanish, and French."

Ask a question:

- To say or write something to get information from someone.
- "Don't be afraid to ask a question if you don't understand."

Choose a career:

- To decide on a job or profession for the future.
- "When I grow up, I want to choose a career as a doctor."

Plan an event:

- To organize and arrange details for a gathering or occasion.
- "We need to plan the birthday party for next week."

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Thank you!
any questions?