


Have you ever wonder how  
many stars are there?

Did you ever try to count  
them all?



Astronomers still can't decide what the shape of our universe is. Is it closed and finite, which is to say, is there a countable tally of all the galaxies that exist, even beyond the ones we can see? Or is it infinite? The latter possibility is still on the table.

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Countable Noun	Uncountable Noun
<p>Can be counted</p> <p>Examples: Boy, laptop, school...</p>	<p>Can not be counted</p> <p>Examples: Sugar, beauty, knowledge...</p>
<p>Can take singular or plural verbs</p> <p>Examples: The flower vase is on the table. The books are on the table.</p>	<p>Always take singular verbs</p> <p>Examples: Sugar is fattening. Honey comes from bees.</p>
<p>Go with a/an/the/my, etc. in the singular</p> <p>Example: She bought an umbrella.</p>	<p>Do not go with a/an/two, etc</p> <p>Example: I'd like to drink orange juice.</p>
<p>Can be used alone or with some/any/many/few in the plural.</p> <p>Example: I love (some) carrots.</p>	<p>Can be used alone or with some/any/much/little/the/my,etc</p> <p>Example: Remember to buy (some) bread.</p>
	<p>We can use a/an, one/two with uncountable nouns such as coffee, tea... when we talk about a cup, a glass, bottle.</p> <p>Example: Can I have two teas, please? (two cups of tea)</p>



# FOOD

## COUNTABLES



Burgers



Sandwiches



Hot dogs



Cherries



Apple



Grapes



Oranges



Olives



Watermelons



Carrots



Tomatoes



Peas



Salads



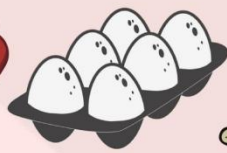
Vegetables



Pancakes



Sausages



Eggs



Potatoes



Cookies



Fries



Candies

## UNCOUNTABLES



Bread



Fruit



Juice



Meat



Rice



Cereal



Milk



Coffee



Tea



Soup



Salt



Flour



Sugar



Butter



Cheese



Honey



Water



Chocolate



Jam



Seafood



Mustard

# Nouns that Can be Countable or Uncountable

<u>Noun</u>	<u>Used as</u> <u>an Uncountable Noun</u>	<u>Used as</u> <u>a Countable Noun</u>
<b>Iron</b> 	<b>Material</b> They tried to change <b>iron</b> into gold.	<b>Electrical appliance</b> I scorched my dress with the <b>iron</b> .
<b>Glass</b> 	<b>Material</b> <b>Glass</b> can be recycled from old bottles.	<b>Container</b> Champagne was fizzing in the <b>glass</b> .
<b>Time</b> 	<b>Length of an activity</b> How much <b>time</b> did it take you to sing?	<b>Number of instances</b> Mary had seen the film many <b>times</b> .
<b>Paper</b> 	<b>Material</b> This book is made of <b>paper</b> .	<b>A report or essay</b> He wrote a <b>paper</b> on grammar. <b>A newspaper</b> I read about it in the <b>paper</b> .
<b>Light</b> 	<b>Energy form</b> I closed my eyes against the bright <b>light</b> .	<b>Lamps/Light bulbs</b> I switched on the <b>light</b> in the bedroom.
<b>Work</b> 	<b>An activity</b> Stop talking and get on with your <b>work</b> .	<b>A product</b> This is the <b>work</b> of Shakespeare.

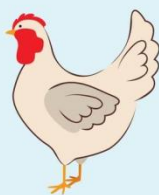
# Nouns that Can be Countable or Uncountable

## Noun

## Used as an Uncountable Noun

## Used as a Countable Noun

### Chicken



### Food

I had **chicken** for dinner.

### Kind of animal

They keep **chickens** in the back yard.

### Hair



### Hair in general

She had thick brown **hair**.

### Individual strands of hair

He had a few grey **hairs** on his temples.

### Room



### Space

Is there enough **room** for me?

### Place

They had to sit in the waiting **room** for an hour.

### Coffee, Water, Beer, Tea, Soda



### Drink

I like **tea** better than **coffee**.

### Number of drinks

Two strong black **coffees**, please.



# Nouns that Can Be Countable or Uncountable

## Noun

## Used as an Uncountable Noun

## Used as a Countable Noun

### Meat



### Food

I gave up eating **meat** a few months ago.

### Type of meat

I hate eating red **meats** like beef and lamb.

### Fruit



### Food

The **fruit** was too sour to eat.

### Kind of fruit

She sells **fruits** at a market stall.

### Experience



### Knowledge or skill

My lack of practical **experience** was a disadvantage.

### An incident that affects you

It was her first **experience** of living alone.

### Fire



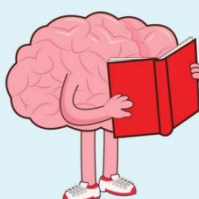
### Element

Most animals are afraid of **fire**.

### A burning pile

Firemen put out **fires**.

### Memory



### The ability to remember

I have a very good visual **memory**.

### Specific memories of past events

He's trying to block out **memories** of the accident.

## I. Choose the correct plural form.

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## II. What is the right answer?

1. The college provides ..... for students.

- accommodation
- accommodations

2. I need some ..... .. about the new management program.

- information
- informations

3. Have you got ..... ?

- many luggage
- many luggages
- a lot of luggage

4. Switzerland is known for its enchanting .....

- scenery
- sceneries

5. She has got enough ..... for the job.

- experience
- experiences

6. I have bought two .....

- breads
- loaves of bread

7. He is looking for .....

- work
- a work

8. The journal has published a ..... on this subject.

- research
- piece of research

9. A ..... is absolutely essential for success in the show business.

- luck
- bit of luck



10. We are having ..... weather.

- terrible
- a terrible

### III. Choose the correct answer.

1. Could you pass me .....? I have spilled some juice on the floor.

- a cloth
- a clothing
- a clothe

2. I must buy .....

- a clothing
- a clothe
- a piece of clothing

3. The poor man was arrested for stealing .....

- a bread
- a loaf

4. How ..... money do you earn in a week?

- much
- many
- Either could be used here

5. A ..... struck the building.

- lightning
- piece of lightning
- flash of lightning

6. I have got ..... to do.

- much work
- many works

7. I was held up by .....

- a traffic
- the traffic
- the traffics

8. Politics ..... a dirty game.

- is
- are

9. In my opinion, too much mathematics ..... taught in schools.

- is

- are
- Either could be used here

10. We are all eager to increase our .....

- knowledge
- knowledges

11. Six people lost their ..... in the accident.

- life
- lives

12. Her ..... very curly.

- hair is
- hairs are

#### IV. Choose the correct option.

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#### V. Choose the correct sentence.

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#### VI. Fill the gaps with the correct word from the box.

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