

Chapter- 4

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

STUDY NOTES

At a glance

Countable nouns are things that can be counted.

For examples:

Four boys are playing football.

There are **three biscuits** on the plate.

My father bought **two watches**.

I ate **an apple** today.

The buildings are very big.

Here boys, biscuits, watches, apple, and buildings are countable.

Uncountable nouns are the things that we cannot count. They do not have any number, or *a* or *an* before them. But they may have *the* before them.

For examples:

Ravi asked me for some **water**.

Hamid had some **milk** and **cornflakes** for breakfast.

I drank the **juice** in the glass.

Grandpa doesn't like **sugar** in his **tea**.

EXERCISE

1. Circle the countable nouns in the sentences below:

a. Two little pigs are playing.

b. Tom's toys are in the bag.

c. The moon shines brightly.

d. Each box has ten pencils.

e. The teacher gave Arjun a few books.

2. Rewrite the sentences given below by inserting a, an or the before the countable nouns:

a. Mila has **a** green dress.

b. Nidhi had **an** apple for breakfast.

c. Raghu won **the** first prize.

d. My grandpa reads a newspaper in **the** morning.

3. Find countable and uncountable nouns from the box and write them in the correct columns of the table:

| Countable | Uncountable |
|-----------|-------------|
| boat | time |
| sun | salt |
| house | tea |
| wall | juice |
| ring | light |
| road | water |
| door | rain |
| farm | air |

To talk about the quantity of uncountable nouns, we add words such as **a bowl of, some, a lot, a little, much, a piece of and a bit** before them.

For examples:

Give me **a glass of** juice.

Add **a pinch of** salt to the salad.

I like **a spoon of** sugar in my tea.

Mamma gave me a **slice of** cake.

4. Match the following words with the correct uncountable nouns:

| Measuring word | Uncountable noun |
|----------------|------------------|
| A spoon of | sugar |
| A sack of | wheat |
| A bottle of | water |
| A pinch of | pepper |
| A bowl of | soup |

5. Read the sentences given below. Correct the wrong measuring words:

- a. Roopal drank a **glass of** water.
- b. Jiya bought a **bottle of** milk.
- c. Mother bought a **packet of** flour.
- d. My brother always adds a **little** honey to his milk.
- e. Anand ate **some** salad.


