

Chapter- 4

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

STUDY NOTES

At a glance

Countable nouns are names of 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 names of 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 don't 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:

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


