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Nouns: Countable and Uncountable



THINK



Look at the pictures and read the words. Circle the nouns that can be counted.



water



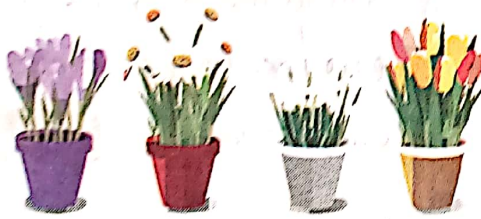
children



butter



bread



flower pots



pencil

LEARN

The words **child**, **pencil** and **flower pot** can be counted. Nouns that can be counted are called **countable nouns**. Countable nouns can be singular or plural. For example: **child—children**, **pencil—pencils**, **flower pot—flower pots**.

The words **bread**, **water** and **butter** cannot be counted. Nouns that cannot be counted are called **uncountable nouns**. Uncountable nouns are usually treated as singular nouns.

REMEMBER

- We use words like **a few** and **many** with **countable nouns**.
- We use words like **a little**, **a lot of** and **much** with **uncountable nouns**.

PRACTISE

A. Write countable (C) or uncountable (U) for each of the given words.



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|--------------|---|-------------|---|----------|---|
| 1. butter | U | 2. water | U | 3. man | C |
| 4. furniture | U | 5. computer | C | 6. car | C |
| 7. sugar | U | 8. mobile | C | 9. hair | U |
| 10. pillow | C | 11. salt | U | 12. week | C |
| 13. sand | U | 14. money | U | 15. rice | U |

B. Fill in the blanks with a few, many, much, a lot of, a little.
There may be more than one answer.



- Can I have a little milk, please?
- How many cakes did she buy?
- Put a little sugar in the coffee.
- He put a lot of salt in the curry. I can't eat it.
- I went to the bakery few / many days ago.
- How much money do you have in your pocket?
- There were so many guests at my birthday party, that we ran short of food.
- How much rice did you put in the cooker?
- Only a few children took part in the competition.
- My aunt bought a lot of wool.

Tips & Tricks

Much, a lot of, and a little are used with uncountable nouns. Many and a few are used with countable nouns.

C. Rewrite the sentences correctly.



- Mahi has much friends.

Mahi has many friends.

- I will only wait for a little weeks.

I will only wait for a few weeks.

3. Can I have three butters please?

Can I have a little butter please?

4. She left much spoons in the cup.

She left a few spoons in the cup.

5. There are so much horses on the farm.

There are so many horses on the farm.

6. Add two sugar in the tea.

Add a little sugar in the tea.

7. I need one water.

I need a little water.

8. There are much dresses in the cupboard.

There are many dresses in the cupboard.

PLAY



Life Skills
and Values

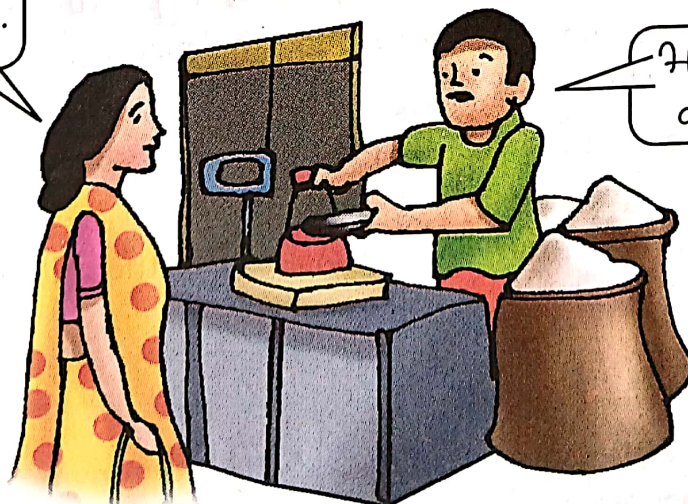


Vocational
Skills



Ten students will act as shopkeepers selling different items, like ice cream, furniture, stationery, clothes, etc. Other students, acting as customers, will ask for the items they want to buy. The students have to be careful whether they are buying or selling items that are countable or uncountable and start the conversation accordingly.

I want to buy rice.



How much rice
do you want?