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Nouns: Countable and Uncountable

THINK



Critical Thinking



Vocabulary Skills

You are not sure about the quantity of the ingredients and utensils you will need to bake a cake. List the items you can count under **how many**. The other items go under **how much**.

how many

bowls
eggs
raisins
chocolate
sieve

bowls

flour

sugar

milk

eggs

raisins

cocoa powder

chocolate

vanilla essence

sieve

how much

flour
sugar
milk
cocoa powder
vanilla essence

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Read these sentences.



Rahul has a dog.



Reetika has three pencils.

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Dog and pencils can be counted using numbers. These are **countable nouns**. They answer the question **how many**.

Now, look at these sentences.



There is enough rice in the bowl. The water gushed out of the cave.
Rice and **water** cannot be counted. These are **uncountable nouns**. They answer the question **how much**.

PRACTISE

A. Write the names of the grocery items in the correct columns.

countable	uncountable
bananas	flour
potatoes	honey
tomato	salt
carrot	milk
watermelon	rice
eggs	



B. Fill in the blanks with **much** or **many**.

- How many siblings do you have?
- How many biscuits do you want?
- How many flowers do you want to buy?
- How much money is needed to buy this shirt?
- How much rice do you need?
- How many pages does this book have?
- How much homework are you left with to complete?

8. How much cloth is needed to make a dress?
9. How many clothes are you planning to wear during the ceremony?

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Much, Many, etc.

Now, let us read some common words and phrases that can be used with countable and uncountable nouns to show their quantity.

nouns	words/phrases	examples
countable nouns	a, an, many, a few, several	Please add a few poems to the list. There is an egg in the basket. The box has several ribbons.
uncountable nouns	much, a little	Add a little butter to the dish. How much water do you need?
countable and uncountable nouns (affirmative)	some, a lot of	There are a lot of flowers on this tree. I want to drink some milk.
countable and uncountable nouns (negatives, questions)	any	There isn't any soup in the bowl. Are there any apples in the basket?

PRACTISE

C. Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- How **many**/much glasses of juice do you want?
- How **many**/much juice shall I pour?
- Maybe you need to add **a little**/several flour to the mix?
- Sam couldn't find **some**/any cookies in the jar.
- Please give me **a few**/any cookies.
- Much**/Many bees were hovering over the lotus.
- How **much**/many money do you need to buy stationery?
- Will you add **a little**/a few sugar to my tea?



9. I want to add a little/a few cubes of sugar to my coffee.

10. Did you find a few/any useful piece of furniture in the second-hand store?

D. Complete these sentences with the answers to the questions in the brackets.



1. Beehive is a countable noun, but honey is an uncountable noun.
(What do we get from bees?)
2. Umbrella is a countable noun, but rain is an uncountable noun.
(What does an umbrella protect us from?)
3. Car is a countable noun, but petrol/diesel is an uncountable noun.
(What fuel does a car run on?)
4. Wallet is a countable noun, but money is an uncountable noun.
(What do we keep in a wallet?)
5. Beach is a countable noun, but sand is an uncountable noun.
(What is a beach full of?)

E. Srinath and Ahaan have decided to cook dinner. Write C for countable and U for uncountable nouns in the boxes. Add a number in case of a countable noun and the amount along with the unit (gm/kg/ltr) in case of an uncountable noun.



<u>U</u> oil	<u>1 ltr</u>	<u>C</u> carrot	<u>4</u>	<u>C</u> potato	<u>8</u>
<u>C</u> tomato	<u>5</u>	<u>VC</u> salt	<u>500 gm</u>	<u>C</u> capsicum	<u>1</u>
<u>VC</u> beans	<u>1 kg</u>	<u>VC</u> chilli powder	<u>100 gm</u>	<u>C</u> cabbage	<u>1</u>
<u>C</u> onion	<u>2</u>	<u>VC</u> peas	<u>1 kg</u>	<u>VC</u> turmeric	<u>200 gm</u>

PLAY



Critical Thinking

I. Work in pairs. Each learner will write down three related countable nouns, such as, spoon, fork, bowl. The other learner in the pair will guess the uncountable noun it refers to, such as, cutlery.



II. Think of five nouns that can express our feelings. Do you think these nouns are countable or uncountable? List them.

