

Common Count and Non-Count Nouns

Count Nouns:

Have singular as well as plural forms. Can be made general or specific by using a/the in front of the noun. (Ex: a pen = any pen; the pen = specific pen) *An oxygen molecule binds to two hydrogen molecules to form water. We need one more pitcher, three fielders, and an umpire to play baseball this afternoon.*

Non-count Nouns:

Have only a singular form. Part of an indivisible whole, they do not need to be preceded by an article (a, an, the). *Humans must breathe in oxygen to live. I went to the store to get milk, oil, and rice.*

Whole groups made of separate items	Fluids	Solids	Gases	Particles	Languages
Postage	Water	Ice	Steam	Rice	Chinese
Research	Coffee	Silver	Air	Chalk	English
Cash	Milk	Glass	Oxygen	Corn	Spanish
Mail	Oil	Wood	Nitrogen	Flour	German
Garbage	Blood	Cotton	Smoke	Grass	Japanese
Equipment	Liquid	Wool	Pollution	Hair	
Money	Wine	Beef	Exhaust	Dust	
Information	Syrup	Bread	Helium	Pepper	
	Medicine	Cheese	Hydrogen	Salt	
	Soup	Toast		Wheat	
		Fish			

Sports	Fields of Study	General Activities	Natural Phenomena	Diseases
Baseball	Chemistry	Driving	Weather	Measles
Soccer	Engineering	Studying	Electricity	Mumps
Volleyball	Business	Swimming	Gravity	Influenza
Cricket	Nursing	Walking	Snow	Chicken Pox
	Mathematics	-Ing Nouns	Darkness	Arthritis

Abstractions				
Advice	Knowledge	Health	Significance	Anger
Information	Vocabulary	Help	Luck	Secrecy
Research	Confidence	Honesty	Music	Equality
News	Courage	Hospitality	Patience	Friction
Evidence	Education	Importance	Peace	Radar
Energy	Fun	Intelligence	Progress	Combustion
Grammar	Happiness	Justice	Wealth	
Information	Syrup	Bread	Helium	Pepper

Count Nouns:

Talking about quantity		Uncountable noun modifiers with countable nouns	
Bag of flour	Piece of bread	Blood cell	Spanish dialect
Jug of milk	Grain of rice	Weather system	English word
Sheet of paper	Kernel of corn	Garbage can	Chinese food