

Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Level: Intermediate

Test: 1

Explanations

1. "Chair" is countable because you can say "one chair," "two chairs," or "many chairs." The other words are uncountable; we do not usually use numbers before them.
2. We use "a few" and "many" with countable nouns like "chairs" and "sandwiches." We use "some" and "much" with uncountable nouns like "advice" and "water."
3. "News" is uncountable because we use it to talk about information in general, not as separate items. We don't say "a news" or "two news."
4. "Water" is uncountable because we cannot count water as one, two, or three waters. We use "some" or "much" water, but not numbers. The other nouns can be counted.
5. "Chairs" are things you can count: one chair, two chairs, three chairs, and so on. For countable nouns, we use "a few," so "a few chairs" is correct.
6. "Rice" is uncountable because we cannot count it as one rice, two rices, etc. It is a food made of many small grains, so we use it without "s" in English.
7. "Friends" are people, and you can count them: one friend, two friends, three friends. We use "many" with countable nouns like "friends," not "much" or "a little."
8. "Help" is an uncountable noun, so we do not use "a few," "several," or "many." We use "some" with uncountable nouns to talk about an amount we need.
9. We use "How much?" for things we cannot count, like sugar. Sugar is uncountable, so we ask "How much sugar?" For countable things, we use "How many?" instead.
10. "Equipment" is an uncountable noun in English, so we don't use

“equipments.” We say “a lot of equipment” to talk about many things together, not “equipments.”

11. “Help” is an uncountable noun, so we use “much” to talk about quantity. We do not use “many,” “a few,” or “several” with uncountable nouns like “help.”

12. “News” is an uncountable noun, so we use a singular verb with it. That’s why “is” is correct here. Uncountable nouns usually use singular verbs.

13. “Time” is an uncountable noun, so we use “a little” with it. “A little” means a small amount, which fits because we cannot count individual “times.”

14. “How many” is used with things we can count one by one. “Chairs” is countable: one chair, two chairs, three chairs, etc. The other words are not countable like this.

15. “Homework” is an uncountable noun, so we use “much” and not “many.” We use “many” only with countable nouns like “books” or “exams.”

16. “Money” is uncountable because we talk about it in general, not in individual pieces. We cannot say “one money” or “two moneys,” but we can count “cars,” “books,” and “apples.”

17. “Information” is an uncountable noun, so we use “much” with it in negative sentences. “Many” is only for countable nouns, and “a few” is also for countable things.

18. “Proof” is uncountable, so we use “much” to talk about quantity. We cannot say “many proofs” or “several proofs.” “Much” is correct for uncountable nouns like “proof.”

19. We use “many” with countable nouns like “places.” Here, “places” are things we can count (one place, two places). “Many” is the correct word to show a large number.

20. “Cars” is the only countable noun in the group. You can say “one car” or “two cars,” but the other nouns are uncountable and cannot be made plural.