



What are countable & uncountable nouns?

Type of noun	What is it?	Examples
Countable (<i>count noun</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• refers to people, places, things, and ideas that can be counted• can be either singular nouns or plural nouns• can use the articles <i>a</i> or <i>an</i>• makes sense to precede countable nouns with a number• more common	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People: friend, strangers, children• Places: island, neighborhoods, garages• Things: hat, artichokes, trophies
Uncountable (<i>mass noun</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• refers to a thing that cannot be counted• most cannot use the articles <i>a</i> or <i>an</i>• can't be preceded by a number• treated as singular nouns and don't typically have plural forms• less common and are often harder to spot	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emotions: confusion, loneliness, envy• Qualities: laziness, dedication, patience• Concepts: cooperation, obscurity, art