

a bottle / some water (countable/uncountable 1)

A

A noun can be *countable* or *uncountable*.

Countable nouns

For example: (a) **car** (a) **man** (a) **bottle** (a) **house** (a) **key** (an) **idea** (an) **accident**

You can use **one/two/three** (etc.) + *countable nouns* (you can count them):



one **bottle**



two **bottles**



three **men**



four **houses**

Countable nouns can be *singular* (= one) or *plural* (= two or more):

singular
plural

a car	the car	my car	etc.
cars	two cars	the cars	some cars many cars etc.

- I've got **a car**.
- New **cars** are very expensive.
- There aren't **many cars** in the car park.

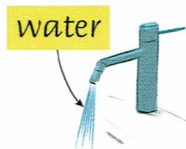
You can't use the singular (**car/bottle/key** etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

- We can't get into the house without **a key**. (*not* without key)

B

Uncountable nouns

For example: **water** **air** **rice** **salt** **plastic** **money** **music** **tennis**



water



salt



money



music

You can't say **one/two/three** (etc.) + these things: ~~one water~~ ~~two musics~~

Uncountable nouns have only *one* form:

money **the money** **my money** **some money** **much money** etc.

- I've got **some money**.
- There isn't **much money** in the box.
- Money** isn't everything.

You can't use **a/an** + *uncountable nouns*: ~~a money~~ ~~a music~~ ~~a water~~

But you can say **a piece of ... / a bottle of ...** etc. + *uncountable noun*:

a bottle of water	a carton of milk	a bar of chocolate
a piece of cheese	a bottle of perfume	a piece of music
a bowl of rice	a cup of coffee	a game of tennis

Exercises

67.1 What are these things? Some are countable and some are uncountable. Write **a/an** if necessary. The names of these things are:

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|--------|----------|-----------------|------------------|------------|--------|
| bucket | envelope | money | sand | toothbrush | wallet |
| egg | jug | salt | spoon | toothpaste | water |

<p>① </p> <p>It's <u>salt</u></p>	<p>② </p> <p>It's <u>a spoon</u></p>	<p>③ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>④ </p> <p>It's</p>
<p>⑤ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑥ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑦ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑧ </p> <p>It's</p>
<p>⑨ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑩ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑪ </p> <p>It's</p>	<p>⑫ </p> <p>It's</p>

67.2 Some of these sentences are OK, but some need **a/an**. Write **a/an** where necessary.

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| 1 I don't have watch. <u>a watch</u> | 9 Jamaica is island. |
| 2 Do you like cheese? <u>OK</u> | 10 I don't need key. |
| 3 I never wear hat. | 11 Everybody needs food. |
| 4 Are you looking for job? | 12 I've got good idea. |
| 5 Kate doesn't eat meat. | 13 Can you drive car? |
| 6 Kate eats apple every day. | 14 Do you want cup of coffee? |
| 7 I'm going to party tonight. | 15 I don't like coffee without milk. |
| 8 Music is wonderful thing. | 16 Don't go out without umbrella. |

67.3 What are these things? Write **a ... of ...** for each picture. Use the words in the boxes.

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|-------------------|-------|-------|---|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| bar | cup | loaf | + | bread | milk | tea |
| carton | glass | piece | | chocolate | paper | water |
| jar | piece | | | honey | soup | wood |

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|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 <u>a carton of milk</u> | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 |

UNIT 65

65.1

- 2 a 6 an
- 3 a 7 a
- 4 an 8 an
- 5 a 9 an

65.2

- 2 a vegetable
- 3 a game
- 4 a tool
- 5 a mountain
- 6 a planet
- 7 a fruit
- 8 a river
- 9 a flower
- 10 a musical instrument

65.3

- 2 He's a shop assistant.
- 3 She's an architect.
- 4 He's a taxi driver.
- 5 He's an electrician.
- 6 She's a photographer.
- 7 She's a nurse.
- 8 I'm a/an ...

65.4

- 2-8
- Tom never wears **a** hat.
- I can't ride **a** bike.
- My brother is **an** artist.
- Rebecca works in **a** bookshop.
- Jane wants to learn **a** foreign language.
- Mike lives in **an** old house.
- This evening I'm going to **a** party.

UNIT 66

66.1

- 2 boats 8 sandwiches
- 3 women 9 families
- 4 cities 10 feet
- 5 umbrellas 11 holidays
- 6 addresses 12 potatoes
- 7 knives

66.2

- 2 teeth 5 fish
- 3 people 6 leaves
- 4 children

66.3

- 3 ... with a lot of beautiful **trees**.
- 4 ... with two **men**.
- 5 OK

- 6 ... three **children**.
- 7 Most of my **friends** are **students**.
- 8 He put on his **pyjamas** ...
- 9 OK
- 10 Do you know many **people** ...
- 11 I like your **trousers**. Where did you get **them**?
- 12 ... full of **tourists**.
- 13 OK
- 14 **These scissors aren't** ...

66.4

- 2 are 7 Do
- 3 don't 8 are
- 4 watch 9 them
- 5 were 10 some
- 6 live

UNIT 67

67.1

- 3 a jug
- 4 water
- 5 toothpaste
- 6 a toothbrush
- 7 an egg
- 8 money
- 9 a wallet
- 10 sand
- 11 a bucket
- 12 an envelope

67.2

- 3 ... **a** hat.
- 4 ... **a** job?
- 5 OK
- 6 ... **an** apple ...
- 7 ... **a** party ...
- 8 ... **a** wonderful thing.
- 9 ... **an** island.
- 10 ... **a** key.
- 11 OK
- 12 ... **a** good idea.
- 13 ... **a** car?
- 14 ... **a** cup of coffee?
- 15 OK
- 16 ... **an** umbrella.

67.3

- 2 a piece of wood
- 3 a glass of water
- 4 a bar of chocolate
- 5 a cup of tea
- 6 a piece of paper
- 7 a bowl of soup
- 8 a loaf of bread
- 9 a jar of honey

UNIT 68

68.1

- 2 a newspaper (or a paper), some flowers (or a bunch of flowers) and a pen
- 3 some bananas, some eggs and some bread (or a loaf of bread)
- 4 some toothpaste, some soap (or a bar of soap) and a comb

68.2

- 2 Would you like some coffee? (or ... a cup of coffee?)
- 3 Would you like a biscuit?
- 4 Would you like some bread? (or ... a piece of bread? / a slice of bread?)
- 5 Would you like a chocolate?
- 6 Would you like some cake? (or ... a piece of cake?)

68.3

- 2 some ... some
- 3 some
- 4 a ... some
- 5 an ... some
- 6 a ... a ... some
- 7 some
- 8 some
- 9 some ... a

68.4

- 2 eyes
- 3 hair
- 4 information
- 5 chairs
- 6 furniture
- 7 job
- 8 wonderful weather

UNIT 69

69.1

- 3 a
- 4 the
- 5 an
- 6 the ... the
- 7 a ... a
- 8 a ... a
- 9 ... **a** student ... **a** journalist ... **an** apartment near **the** college ... **The** apartment is ...
- 10 ... two children, **a** boy and **a** girl. **The** boy is seven years old, and **the** girl is three ... in **a** factory ... doesn't have **a** job ...