



## Countable and Uncountable Nouns

### What are Nouns?

Nouns are words that name people, animals, places, or things.

### Countable Nouns

**Definition:** Countable nouns are the names of things we can count using numbers.

#### Examples:

- one toy, two toys
- four rabbits
- three ducks
- three mangoes
- five pens
- three kites

#### Key Features:

- They have both singular and plural forms.
- You can use numbers before them: one apple, two apples, etc.
- Use "many" or "a few" with countable nouns.

#### Quantifiers Used:

- Many, a few, several, some (in plural), a number of
- e.g., Many books, a few oranges

### Uncountable Nouns

**Definition:** Uncountable nouns are the names of things we cannot count using numbers.

#### Examples:

- oil
- milk
- juice
- water
- sand
- rice

#### Key Features:



- They do not have a plural form.
- Always treated as singular.
- You cannot use numbers directly with them (not: two rices, three milks).

**Quantifiers Used:**

- Much, a little, a lot of, some (in singular)
- e.g., much sugar, a little water

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**Countable nouns** = Can be counted = Have plural forms

**Example:** apple → apples

**Uncountable nouns** = Cannot be counted = Used in singular form only

**Example:** milk (no milks)