**Countable and Uncountable Nouns**

In English, some nouns are **countable** and some are **uncountable**. This is important because it changes how we use **much**, **many**, **a**, **an**, **some**, and **any**.

**🔹 Countable Nouns**

**Countable nouns** are things you can count:
**1 apple, 2 apples, 3 apples...**

They have **singular** and **plural** forms.

* I have **a** book. ✅
* She bought **three** oranges. ✅

**Examples:**

* cat, pen, egg, chair, student, tomato, dollar

We can use:

* a / an → **a cat**, **an egg**
* numbers → **two chairs**, **ten students**
* many → **How many pens do you have?**
* some / any → **I have some apples. / I don’t have any apples.**

**🔸 Uncountable Nouns**

**Uncountable nouns** are things we **cannot count** individually.
You cannot say **1 rice** or **2 milks** ❌

They usually have **no plural** form.

**Examples:**

* water, milk, rice, money, sugar, bread, information, advice, furniture

We use:

* some / any → **Do you have any sugar?**
* much → **How much money do you need?**
* a little → **I have a little time.**

✅ We don’t use **a / an** with uncountable nouns.

**🔁 Compare:**

✔️ **Countable**:

* I ate **an apple**.
* She has **three brothers**.
* How **many** chairs are in the room?

❌ **Uncountable**:

* I drank **some water**.
* He gave me **a lot of advice**.
* How **much** rice do you want?

**📝 Be careful!**

Some nouns **look plural** but are **uncountable**:

* news
* homework
* luggage
* furniture
* information

✘ Don't say: *I have many homeworks.*
✔ Say: *I have a lot of homework.*

**🎯 Practice: Fill in the blanks**

Use **a / an / some / any / much / many**

1. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ friends at school?
2. I didn’t eat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bread today.
3. She wants to buy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ orange.
4. We don’t have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ water left.
5. There isn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ information in the book.

**✅ Summary:**

| **Countable Nouns** | **Uncountable Nouns** |
| --- | --- |
| Use numbers | No numbers |
| Have plural forms | No plural forms |
| Use *many* | Use *much* |
| Use *a/an/some/any* | Use *some/any* (not *a/an*) |