**Count Nouns vs. Non-Count Nouns**

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| **Count nouns**  Can be counted as one or more.   * pen, computer, bottle, spoon, desk, cup, television, chair, shoe, finger, flower, camera, stick, balloon, book, table, comb, etc.   Take an s to form the plural.   * pens, computers, bottles, spoons, desks, cups, televisions, chairs, shoes, fingers, flowers, cameras, sticks, balloons, books, tables, combs, etc.   Work with expressions such as (a few, few, many, some, every, each, these, and the number of).   * a few pens, a few computers, many bottles, some spoons, every desk, each cup, these televisions, the number of chairs, a few shoes, a few fingers, many flowers, some cameras, every stick, each balloon, these books, the number of tables, many combs, etc.   Work with appropriate articles (a, an, or the).   * a pen, the computer, a bottle, the spoon, a desk, the cup, a television, the chair, a shoe, the finger, a flower, the camera, a stick, the balloon, a book, the table, a comb, etc.   Do NOT work with *much* (for example, you would never say *much pens* or *much computers*).  **Non-count nouns**  Cannot be counted. They usually express a group or a type.   * water, wood, ice, air, oxygen, English, Spanish, traffic, furniture, milk, wine, sugar, rice, meat, flour, soccer, sunshine, etc.   Generally cannot be pluralized.  Work both with and without an article (*a, an, or the*), depending on the context of the sentence.   * Sugar is sweet. * The sunshine is beautiful. * I drink milk. * He eats rice. * We watch soccer together. * The wood is burning.   Work with expressions such as (some, any, enough, this, that, and much).   * We ate some rice and milk. * I hope to see some sunshine today. * This meat is good. * She does not speak much Spanish. * Do you see any traffic on the road? * That wine is very old.   Do NOT work with expressions such as (these, those, every, each, either, or neither).  **[Quiz 2.1]**  Choose all of the non-count nouns in the following list:  wine, student, pen, water, wind, milk, computer, furniture, cup, rice, box, watch, potato, wood  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [2.1] wine, water, wind, milk, furniture, rice, wood |