

Nouns

COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE

Noun categories

Nouns can be divided into:

- Countable nouns
- Uncountable nouns

We use different words when we compare them.

Countable Nouns Are

Individual items that can be separated and counted

➤ One chair

➤ A country

➤ An apple

➤ Two chairs

➤ Many countries

➤ 12 apples

Uncountable Nouns Are

Items that cannot be separated and counted.

They have no plural form.

- Beer, milk
- Equipment
- Information

Comparing Equal – Examples

We can compare countable and uncountable quantities for equality.

With countable nouns, we use “*as many as*” and “*as few as*”.

With uncountable nouns, we use “*as much as*” and “*as little as*”.

- My sister has *as many children as* I do.
- John has *as few books as* Paul.
- Peter drank *as much beer as* James last night.
- Emma has *as little patience as* Jane.

Comparing Unequal – Examples

We can compare countable and uncountable quantities for inequality.

In both cases, we use “*more ... than*” and “*less ... than*”.

- My brother has *more children than* my sister.
- John has *less books than* Paul.
- Peter drank *more beer than* James last night.
- Emma has *less patience than* Jane.