

Countable and uncountable nouns

*Things, animals or people that we can count one by one we call **countable nouns**.*

a cat –two cats

a book –ten books

*Thing that we cannot count and think of them as a mass, we call **uncountable nouns**. They are :*

1. **Food:** bread , coffee, tea, cheese, sugar, salt, etc.
2. **Liquids:** water, wine, milk, oil, etc.
3. **Metals:** silver, gold, copper, etc.
4. **Weather:** weather, rain, snow, lightning, etc.
5. **Materials:** sand, wood, stone, dust, etc.

*We can not use **a/an** or **one** with **uncountable** nouns.
We can use **some, a lot of, a little**, with uncountable nouns.*

*I want **some** water, please.*

*We do not use **some, much, the, a lot of** with **uncountable nouns** when we are talking about things in general.*

***Cheese** is made from **milk**.*

We can count these nouns in other ways:

***a bowl** of cereal*

a bag of rice

a bar of soap/chocolate

a bottle of milk

a glass of water

a loaf of bread

a can of corn

a tube of toothpaste

a piece of cheese

a box of candy

a bunch of bananas

a bottle of beer