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Countable v. Uncountable Nouns

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Countable Nouns

- They can be counted (1, 2, 3, etc.).
- When you have 1, you can use “a” or “an”.
- When you have more than 1, you make it plural by adding “s”. (However, there are many exceptions. For example, *children* is the plural of *child*.)

Uncountable nouns

- They **cannot** be counted. In other words, you **cannot** have 1, 2, 3, etc.
- You **cannot** use “a” or “an”.
- You **cannot** put “s” at the end.

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In English, there are many uncountable nouns that are countable in other languages. Here are the most common ones:

1. Information
2. Advice
3. Homework
4. Work
5. Research
6. Luggage
7. Furniture
8. News
9. Traffic
10. Clothing
11. Bread

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Examples of tricky uncountable nouns:

❌ He gave me a good advice.

✅ He gave me a good piece of advice.

❌ The book has many good informations.

✅ The book has a lot of good information.

❌ I have so many homeworks.

✅ I have so much homework.

Much v. many

Use many with countable nouns.

Use much with uncountable nouns.

💡 Tip! : **U**ncountable starts with a “u” so we use m**u**ch with it.

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Useful trick! “A lot of”

When you can’t remember if you should use “much” or “many”, just use “a lot of”.

“A lot of” works for both countable and uncountable nouns 😁

Examples:

- I have a lot of friends.
- I don’t have a lot of knowledge about that topic.