

Remember It

How much ... ? = uncountable nouns
For example: How much coffee do you drink?
How many ... ? = countable nouns
For example: How many cups of coffee do you drink?

Learn It

Making uncountable nouns countable



Uncountable	Sugar	Jewellery	Cheese	Wine	Furniture	Money
Uncountable Question	How much sugar is there?	How much jewellery is there?	How much cheese is there?	How much wine is there?	How much furniture is there?	How much money is there?
Answer	There's a lot of sugar.	There's some jewellery.	There's a lot of cheese.	There's some wine.	There's some furniture.	There's a lot of money.
Add a word	bowl	piece	round	bottle	piece	bag
Make it Countable	a bowl of sugar	a piece of jewellery	a round of cheese	a bottle of wine	a piece of furniture	a bag of money
Countable Question	How many bowls of sugar are there?	How many pieces of jewellery are there?	How many rounds of cheese are there?	How many bottles of wine are there?	How many pieces of furniture are there?	How many bags of money are there?
Answer	There's one bowl of sugar.	There are two pieces of jewellery.	There are three rounds of cheese.	There's one bottle of wine.	There are two pieces of furniture.	There are four bags of money.

Other words you can add to make uncountable nouns countable:

You can put uncountable nouns into a container to count them:

For example:

bag

a bag of money



barrel

a barrel of beer



bottle

a bottle of wine



bowl

a bowl of sugar



box

a box of cereal



bucket

a bucket of water



can

a can of Coke



carton

a carton of milk



cup

a cup of coffee



glass

a glass of water



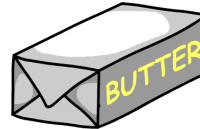
jar

a jar of honey



packet

a packet of butter



a saucepan

a saucepan of rice



spoon

a spoonful of sugar



tank

a tank of petrol



tin

a tin of custard



tub

a tub of margarine



tube

a tube of
toothpaste



You can measure uncountable nouns to make them countable:

litre



pint



pound / ounce / kilo, etc.



You can also measure uncountable nouns in
different ways:

ball

a ball of wool



bar

a bar of soap



blade

a blade of
grass



flake

a flake of
snow



handful

a handful of
sand

piece

a piece of
cake



pinch

a pinch of salt

