

a bottle / some water (countable/uncountable 1)

A

A noun can be *countable* or *uncountable*.

Countable nouns

For example: (a) **car** (a) **man** (a) **bottle** (a) **house** (a) **key** (an) **idea** (an) **accident**

You can use **one/two/three**, etc. + *countable nouns* (you can count them):



one **bottle**



two **bottles**



three **men**



four **houses**

Countable nouns can be *singular* (= one) or *plural* (= two or more):

<i>Singular</i>	a car	the car	my car , etc.
<i>Plural</i>	cars	two cars	the cars some cars many cars , etc.

- I've got **a car**.
- New **cars** are very expensive.
- There aren't **many cars** in the parking lot.

You can't use the singular (**car/bottle/key**, etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

- We can't get into the house without **a key**. (*not* without key)

B

Uncountable nouns

For example: **water** **air** **rice** **salt** **plastic** **money** **music** **tennis**



water



salt



money



music

You can't say **one/two/three**, etc. + these things: ~~one water~~ ~~two music~~

Uncountable nouns have only *one* form:

money **the money** **my money** **some money** **much money**, etc.

- I have **some money**.
- There isn't **much money** in the box.
- **Money** isn't everything.

You can't use **a/an** + *uncountable nouns*: ~~a money~~ ~~a music~~ ~~a water~~

But you can say **a piece of ... / a bottle of ...**, etc. + *uncountable noun*:

a bottle of water	a carton of milk	a bar of soap
a piece of cheese	a bottle of perfume	a piece of music
a bowl of rice	a cup of coffee	a game of tennis

68.1 What are these things? Some are countable and some are uncountable. Write *a/an* if necessary. The names of these things are:

bucket egg envelope money pitcher ~~salt~~
 sand ~~spoon~~ toothbrush toothpaste wallet water

1. It's <u>salt</u> .	2. It's <u>a spoon</u> .	3. It's _____.	4. It's _____.
5. It's _____.	6. It's _____.	7. It's _____.	8. It's _____.
9. It's _____.	10. It's _____.	11. It's _____.	12. It's _____.

68.2 Some of these sentences are OK, but some need *a/an*. Write *a/an* where necessary.

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| 1. I don't have watch. <u>a watch</u> | 9. Jamaica is island. _____ |
| 2. Do you like cheese? <u>OK</u> | 10. I don't need key. _____ |
| 3. I never wear hat. _____ | 11. Everybody needs food. _____ |
| 4. Are you looking for job? _____ | 12. I've got good idea. _____ |
| 5. Kate doesn't eat meat. _____ | 13. Can you drive car? _____ |
| 6. Kate eats apple every day. _____ | 14. Do you want cup of coffee? _____ |
| 7. I'm going to party tonight. _____ | 15. I don't like coffee without milk. _____ |
| 8. Music is wonderful thing. _____ | 16. Don't go out without coat. _____ |

68.3 What are these things? Write *a ... of ...* for each picture. Use the words in the boxes.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
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bar	bowl	carton	+	bread	honey	milk
cup	glass	jar		paper	soap	soup
loaf	piece	piece		tea	water	wood

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| 1. <u>a carton of milk</u> | 4. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ | 9. _____ |