

We can count flowers, but not rain.

Focus 02

Listen and repeat the dialogue.



Give It a Try 03

1 Listen and write.

a. _____ noun

b. _____ noun

2 Listen and check.

☐ Flowers.

☐ Rain.

☐ Parks.

Learn about It

Some nouns are countable (nouns we can count), and some nouns are uncountable (nouns we can't count or are not easy to count).

Countable nouns can be singular or plural.

Singular

bank
box
orange
story

Plural

banks
boxes
oranges
stories

- ◆ There is a **bank** near my house.
- ◆ There are two **banks** near her house.

Special Notes:

We need to put **a, an, or the** before a singular countable noun.

Uncountable nouns are always singular, and we **don't need to put a, an, or a number** before it.

Singular

coffee
juice
tea
water

meat
beef
chicken
pork

butter
oil
salt
sugar

air
rain
snow
smoke

- ◆ I don't drink **coffee**.
- ◆ My **hair** is black.

★ Please see the **appendix on page 51** for other examples of uncountable nouns.

1 Check the box if you can count the noun.



park ☐



hair ☐



dog ☒



book ☐



girl ☐



pork ☐



smoke ☐



water ☐

2 Fill in the blanks with the right forms of the nouns. Add a/an when needed.

- 1. I love juice (juice).
- 2. Is she a student (student)?
- 3. Where are those boys (boy)?
- 4. Mary is drinking (milk).
- 5. There are two (bus) in front of the school.
- 6. There is (umbrella) under the table.
- 7. He doesn't have (black hair).
- 8. There are three (fly) on the table.
- 9. I don't eat (rice) for breakfast.

3 Make sentences.

- 1. you / can / have / hamburger / for lunch / .
You can have a hamburger for lunch.
- 2. the horse / has / long / leg / .
- 3. kids / cannot / drink / coffee / .
- 4. there is / egg / on / the plate / .
- 5. there are / five / picture / in / Betty's room / .
- 6. does / Rose / drink / water / every day / ?

Get It Done

Complete the conversation with the correct forms of the nouns.

- Lisa : Hey, Billy. Let's go get some meat (meat) and (vegetable) for tonight's BBQ.
- Billy : Sure! Where can we buy the food?
- Lisa : There is (supermarket) nearby. We can go over there.
- Billy : Great!
(In the supermarket...)
- Billy : Well, I think we have everything now.
- Lisa : Let me check... We have (bread), (chicken), (beef), (juice), (mushroom), (onion), and (carrot).
- Billy : Wow, what a feast!

On Your Own

List all the nouns in the above parentheses() and put them into the correct columns.

Countable Nouns	Uncountable Nouns
	meat

In Your Own Words

Work with a partner. Make chain sentences with countable/uncountable nouns. In the first round—use only uncountable nouns; in the second round—use only countable nouns.

- Example:
- A: In a supermarket, I can buy milk.
- B: In a supermarket, I can buy milk and tea.
- A: In a supermarket, I can buy milk, tea, and sugar.

Review 1

1 Write **C (countable noun)** or **UC (uncountable noun)** in the blanks.



beef _____ soda _____ carrot _____
cereal _____ strawberry _____

Use **how much** and **how many** to write questions with the things above.

How many...are there?	How much...is there?
How many carrots are there?	How much beef is there?

2 Use **a, an, or the** to complete the sentences.

- _____ hat in the middle is May's.
- We need to buy _____ new camera.
- Jane is wearing _____ green jacket today.
- Hank dreams to be _____ ice skater in the future.
- Did you have fun at _____ party yesterday?
- What _____ ugly duckling that is!

3 Fill in the blanks with **subject** or **object pronouns**.

- A: Is Lisa your classmate?
B: Yes, _____ is. I sit in front of _____.
- A: Do you like May and Tony?
B: Yes, _____ do. I like _____ a lot.
- A: Are you sure you want to live with _____?
B: Yes, _____ am sure I want to live with you.
- A: Does Sue know Eric?
B: Yes, _____ knows _____ very well.
- A: Can you and Tony come out and play?
B: No, _____ can't. Our mother wants _____ to stay at home.
- A: Look! That's Bob's dog.
B: Watch out! _____ may bite you. Don't get close to _____.

4 Complete the dialogue.

- May** : I'm going shopping with Tony. Do you want to come with _____ (we/us)?
- Rose** : Yes, but I have _____ (a/a lot of) homework. Can you wait for _____ (I/me)?
- May** : _____ (How much/How many) time do you need?
- Rose** : Maybe an hour.
- May** : Sorry, we can't wait for _____ (you/your), but we can buy you anything you need.
- Rose** : Thank you. I need _____ (some/any) butter. There isn't _____ (some/any) butter at home. I need _____ (a little/a few) to make _____ (a/an/the) apple pie.
- May** : Is that all?
- Rose** : No. I also need _____ (a little/a few) apples.
- May** : _____ (How much/How many) apples do you need?
- Rose** : I need four.
- May** : OK. Anything else?
- Rose** : No, that's it. Thanks!