

Countable

Countable and uncountable nouns

The nouns can be: *countable or uncountable*.

The countable nouns are those that can be counted using only numbers and that do not need an additional unit of measurement, for example:

- A table
- Two chairs
- A policeman
- A child
- Ten children

Another feature is that they can be singular or plural, for example:

- A friend, two friends
- One chair, three chairs

When the number is not exactly known, the word "many" is attached, for example: many students, many chairs

In the interrogative form it is used:

How many books are there? and the answer is usually a number or an expression, for example:

- There are ten books.
- There are a lot of books.

Uncountable

Uncountable nouns are those that, to be counted, need a unit of measure, for example:

- Milk
- Coffee
- Money
- Meat
- Juice

For liquids you need to specify if it is a liter, a cup, a glass, for other nouns you need to specify if it is a piece, a pound, a kilo.

In relation to the word money, we can not say I have 10 money, we also need a unit of measure, like quetzales or dollars.

These nouns are only used as singular. To make references to these nouns, a unit of measure should be used, for example:

- She drinks a liter of milk.
- I have 100 quetzales.

When the exact amount is not known, it is said:

- I have a lot of money.
- She drinks a lot of milk.

SUMMARY

	Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
	<p>These nouns can be used with a number- they can be counted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ She has one sister. ✓ She has two brothers. 	<p>These nouns should be used with a unit of measure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ She drinks one glass of milk. ✓ She drinks two glasses of milk.
	Have a singular and a plural form.	Can only be used in singular.
	<p>Take many.</p> <p>How many students do you have?</p>	<p>Take much.</p> <p>How much money do you have?</p>
Affirmative form	I have one student. I have ten students.	Have a lot of money.
Interrogative form	How many students are there?	How much money is there?
Negative form	There are not many students.	I do not have much money.