

## Worksheet 5 - Countability

1. Fill in 'a' or – (nothing), depending on whether the nouns are countable or uncountable.

1. I haven't eaten much, I have just had \_\_\_\_ apple.
2. If you don't have \_\_\_\_ money, you will have to borrow some.
3. When I came into the room, she was listening to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There's \_\_\_\_ new restaurant near here.
5. She had \_\_\_\_ accident and was taken to hospital.
6. I don't like \_\_\_\_ rice, I prefer potatoes.
7. Can I ask you \_\_\_\_ question?
8. I need \_\_\_\_ advice. Do you think you could help me?
9. \_\_\_\_ heavy traffic is \_\_\_\_ problem in all big cities.
10. We want to buy \_\_\_\_ new furniture.

2. Compare the following sentences, the underlined word has a different meaning in each sentence. Fill in 'a' or – (nothing):

1. a) I read \_\_\_\_ paper every day, usually on the way to work.  
b) \_\_\_\_ paper is made from wood.
2. a) One of the most popular materials in modern architecture is \_\_\_\_ glass.  
b) She broke \_\_\_\_ glass when she was washing up.
3. a) Sorry, I have to hurry to the station. I haven't got \_\_\_\_ time.  
b) We were on holiday in Italy. We had \_\_\_\_ wonderful time there.
4. a) What does she look like? – Well, she is tall and she has \_\_\_\_\_ long blond hair.  
b) The restaurant is terrible. Last time I had some soup there and I found \_\_\_\_ hair in it. Disgusting.
5. a) I have no talent for \_\_\_\_ painting.  
b) This is \_\_\_\_ excellent painting. Who painted it?
6. a) Don't tell her about it. She's \_\_\_\_ old gossip.  
b) Some women love \_\_\_\_ gossip, it's almost a hobby.
7. a) I've got \_\_\_\_ new iron.  
b) Steel is an alloy of \_\_\_\_ iron.
8. a) The castle is made of \_\_\_\_ stone.  
b) He picked up \_\_\_\_ stone and threw it at the dog.

3. Are the following sentences right or wrong? Correct the wrong ones:

1. Will you have some cake? - No, thanks. I don't like cake.
2. She was a beauty in her youth.
3. I will give you my address. Do you have a paper?
4. What are you fond of? – I like a music and dancing.
5. Beer is the most popular drink in this country.
6. (In a restaurant) Three beers, please.
7. How many luggages have you got? – Just this two bags.
8. I asked the doctor for an advice.
9. I had a strange experience the other day while I was going home late at night.
10. I have no informations concerning the meeting.
11. Do I need any experience of this kind?
12. The news are good. She is feeling much better after the operation.
13. His English is much better now. He has made a progress.
14. Do I need a permission to enter this building?

4. Some uncountable nouns can be counted if use certain countable expressions with them, e.g. *bread* → *a loaf of bread* / *a slice of bread*. Fill in these expressions to finish the phrases:

bowl piece (4x) jar bar (2x) pinch box (2x) carton/ bottle bunch slice drop  
game tube sip cube packet

1. a \_\_\_\_\_ of water
2. a \_\_\_\_\_ of meat
3. a \_\_\_\_\_ of rice
4. a \_\_\_\_\_ of biscuits
5. a \_\_\_\_\_ of advice
6. a \_\_\_\_\_ of information
7. a \_\_\_\_\_ of cake
8. a \_\_\_\_\_ of tennis
9. a \_\_\_\_\_ of matches
10. a \_\_\_\_\_ of soap
11. a \_\_\_\_\_ of salt
12. a \_\_\_\_\_ of milk
13. a \_\_\_\_\_ of chocolates
14. a \_\_\_\_\_ of chocolate
15. a \_\_\_\_\_ of paper
16. a \_\_\_\_\_ of toothpaste
17. a \_\_\_\_\_ of ice
18. a \_\_\_\_\_ of jam
19. a \_\_\_\_\_ of tea
20. a \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes

