

COUNTABLE X UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS QUANTIFIERS (many / much; few / a few; little / a little...)

Countable nouns (e.g. a man, a school, a window)

Singular: a / the school Plural: schools / the schools

Uncountable nouns (milk, homework, information)

Singular: –/some/the homework NO plural form \rightarrow verb always in singular!!!

List of common uncountables:

Food: chicken, yogurt, toast ...

Substances: plastic, iron, wood, paper... Liquids and gasses: water, oxygen... Drinks: coffee, milk, tea, juice...

Abstract ideas: happiness, anger, love... **Mass nouns**: equipment, furniture, luggage...

a piece of, two pieces of...

The nouns below are also UNCOUNTABLE:

- work/homework/housework...
- advice
- information
- knowledge
- news

PRACTICE

1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1 Let me give you **an/some** advice.
- 2 Kate doesn't like ---/a milk.
- 3 Could you pass me the/--- tea, please?
- 4 There's **some/a** coffee left.
- 5 There is **a/some** woman waiting outside the cinema.
- 6 We must find a/some information/informations about the departure.
- 7 Money **is/are** very important to him.
- 8 None of the passengers had insured their **baggage/baggages**.

Quantifiers

Countables	Uncountables	Both: C/U	
How many?	How much?	a lot of/lots of	
many	 much (ONLY in 	enough	
 a few (několik) 	negative or	 hardly any ("hardly any" 	
few (málo)	question!!!)	+ positive form of verb)	
 several (několik) 	 a little (trochu) 	• no	
both (oba)	 little (málo) 		
 a couple of (pár, "2-4") 	 a bit of (informal; trochu) 		











PRACTICE

2 Complete the question A			•	
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	does a cup of coffee cost?			
E	languages do you speak?			
	information has leaked out?			
3 Complete these sente A It cost me	money	to buy that preser	nt.	
B We didn't take	pictures when we were on holiday.			
C He always puts	salt on his food.			
D They don't have	furniture in their flat. They've just moved in.			
E Tom drinks	milk – at least one litre a day.			
F We must hurry as we d	on't have	time	е.	
G She is a very quiet per	son. She does	n't say		
4 Complete the sentence	es with appro	priate quantifiers	3 .	
A Listen carefully. I'm goi	ng to give you		(jednu radu) advice.	
B Do you mind if I ask yo	u	(něko	lik otázek) questions?	
C The cinema was almos	t empty. Very		(málo lidí) people were there.	
D The weather has been	very dry recen	itly. We've had	(málo deště) rain.	
E I don't think Jill would b	e a good teacl	her. She's got	(málo trpělivosti) patience.	
F 'Would you like milk in	your coffee?'	'Yes, please	(trochu) '.	
G Can you lend me		(několik) dol	lars?	