

New Round-Up

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English Grammar Practice

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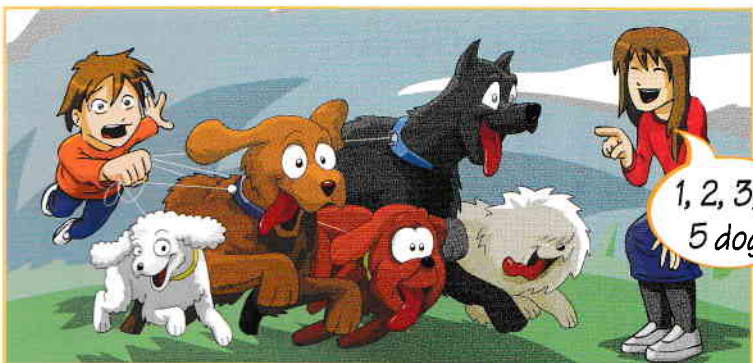
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Plurals of Countable and Uncountable Nouns

1



Listen and repeat.



Listen and repeat.

- bananas, dogs, cats, books
- bus – buses, hairbrush – hairbrushes, fox – foxes, dress – dresses, watch – watches, tomato – tomatoes
- baby – babies, lady – ladies
- leaf – leaves, wife – wives
- child – children, foot – feet, fish – fish, mouse – mice, man – men, tooth – teeth, sheep – sheep, ox – oxen, woman – women, goose – geese, deer – deer, louse – lice

A. Countable nouns are nouns which can be counted. Most nouns take **-s** in the plural.

B. Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x, -o** take **-es** in the plural.

BUT

radio – radios

piano – pianos

photo – photos

video – videos

C. Nouns ending in a **consonant + y** → ~~-y~~ + **-ies**

BUT

Nouns ending in a **vowel (a, e, o, u) + y** → **-s** toy – toys day – days

D. Nouns ending in **-f, -fe** → ~~-f, -fe~~ + **-ves**

BUT

roof – roofs, chief – chiefs, handkerchief – handkerchiefs, proof – proofs

E. Some nouns form irregular plurals.

1



Write the plurals in the correct column. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.

radio	lady	man	child	handkerchief	fly	body	life
tomato	loaf	watch	fox	kiss	sheep	shelf	bench

-s

-es

-ies

-ves

irregular

radios,

tomatoes,

ladies,

loaves,

men,

Plurals of Countable and Uncountable Nouns

Pronunciation



Listen and repeat.

/s/		/ɪz/		/z/	
after /f/, /k/, /p/, /t/, /θ/		after /s/, /ks/, /ʃ/, /tʃ/, /dʒ/, /z/, /ʒ/		after other sounds	
cliffs	lollipops	foxes	bridges	pens	meals
proofs	spots	brushes	roses	babies	records
books	baths	churches	mirages	songs	rooms

2



Write the plurals in the correct column. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.

cat	class	roof	fork	leaf	lemon
beach	cup	girl	shirt	nose	peach
boy	desk	potato	pen	bus	box

/s/	/ɪz/	/z/
cats,	beaches,	boys,

F. Some nouns are uncountable. They have no plural. **A / An** is not used with uncountable nouns. **Some** is used with them. These nouns include:

food/drinks:	butter, bread, meat, cheese, water, tea, coffee, milk, lemonade, chocolate, salt, pepper, fish, etc.
materials:	paper, wood, silver, gold, iron, etc.
abstract nouns:	peace, anger, love, etc.
many others:	money, snow, soap, furniture, petrol, oil, information, news, etc.

G. **a + consonant sound** (b, c, d, f, g, etc.)

a pen

an + vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u) an apple

H. **Some** is also used with countable nouns in the plural.

I've got **some** eggs.

3

Underline the correct item.

1 a / an orange

2 a / **some** gold

3 **an** / **some** oil

4 a / **an** chair

5 a / **some** children

6 a / **some** water

7 a / **some** furniture

8 a / **an** umbrella

9 a / **some** butter

10 **an** / **some** apples

11 a / **an** piano

12 a / **some** leaves

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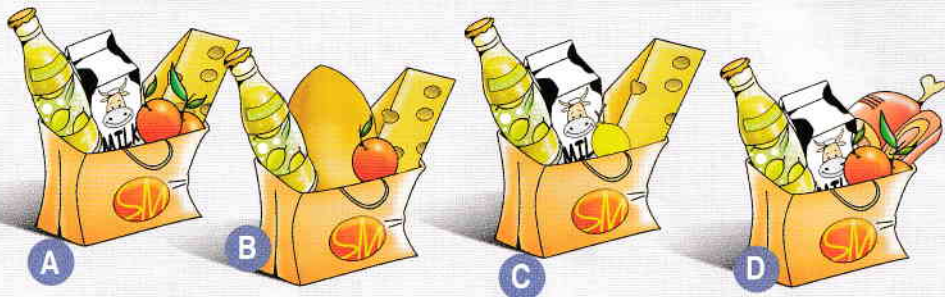
Write *a/an* or *some*. Then write **C** for countable or **U** for uncountable. Say two more countable and two more uncountable nouns.

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|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1 <i>a</i> berry <i>C</i> | 6 money | 11 news | 16 water |
| 2 cheese | 7 butterfly | 12 shirt | 17 chair |
| 3 woman | 8 orange | 13 apple | 18 tea |
| 4 paper | 9 bread | 14 salt | 19 leaf |
| 5 butter | 10 boy | 15 chocolate | 20 bottle |



Guess which one

Which is my shopping bag? Ask each other questions to find out.



Student A: There is some cheese, some milk, some juice and a lemon in my bag.

Student B: Is it bag C?

Student A: Yes, it is.

I. Adjectives describe nouns. It is a **new** car. (What kind of car is it? A new car.)
Adjectives take no **-s** in the plural. a **new** record – two **new** records

5

Rewrite the sentences in the plural.

- There is a wooden chair in the kitchen.
There are some wooden chairs in the kitchen.
- She is an old lady.
- I have got a big schoolbag.
- He is a tall boy.
- There is a pretty butterfly on the window.

- She is a clever student.
- I have got a new hat.
- She is a famous actress.
- There is a white goose in the garden.
- He has got a heavy suitcase.

Plurals of Countable and Uncountable Nouns



Listen and repeat.



a tin
of tuna



a glass
of water



a jug
of water



a cup
of tea



a packet
of rice



a jar
of honey



a loaf
of bread



a slice
of bread



a carton
of milk



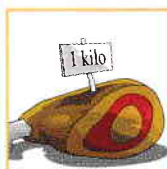
a can
of cola



a bottle
of cola



a bowl
of rice



a kilo
of meat



a bar
of soap



a bar
of chocolate



a bag
of flour



a piece
of cheese



a piece
of furniture

J. Some uncountable nouns can be made countable by using the above words.

6

Read and write.

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1) cartons
of milk for the
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All 2)
of bread half price!



All 3)
of chocolate just £1!



Buy five
4)
of rice.
Get two free!



Six 5)
of jam
for the price of three!



Buy three 6)
of tuna! Get two free!



Two 7)
of onions for just £2!



All 8)
of cola half price!

7 Underline the correct item.

Jeff: Let's make a list of what we need to buy from the supermarket!

Alyssa: OK. We need one 1) carton / jug of milk, two 2) bags / tins of flour, 3) a / some cheese and two 4) packets / jars of biscuits.

Jeff: Have we got any meat?

Alyssa: Let me see. ... No, there's no meat in the fridge.

Jeff: Well then, we need a 5) slice / kilo of meat and six 6) bottles / cans of water. What else do we need?

Alyssa: We also need a 7) carton / packet of orange juice and 8) some / a chocolate for the children!

Jeff: OK! Let's go then!

Speaking Activity

You and your partner are going on a picnic. Go through the list and decide what you need to buy. Use Ex. 7 to act out similar dialogues.

tuna



X

bread

✓

cheese



milk



apple



tomato



water



chocolate



A: Let's make a list of what we need for the picnic.

B: We need two loaves of bread and

Writing Activity

What do you need for your picnic? Write a note to your mum. Use the list from the Speaking Activity.

Mum,

Here's what we need for the picnic:

- two loaves of bread

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