

a bottle / some water
(count/noncount 1)**A**A noun can be *count* or *noncount*.

Count nouns

For example: (a) **car** (a) **man** (a) **bottle** (a) **house** (a) **key** (an) **idea** (an) **accident**You can use **one/two/three**, etc. + *count nouns* (you can count them):one **bottle**two **bottles**three **men**four **houses**Count nouns can be *singular* (= one) or *plural* (= two or more):

Singular	a car	the car	my car, etc.
Plural	cars	two cars	the cars some cars many cars, etc.

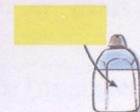
- I have **a car**.
- New **cars** are very expensive.
- There aren't **many cars** in the parking lot.

You can't use the singular (**car/bottle/key**, etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

- We can't get into the house without **a key**. (not without key)

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Noncount nouns

For example: **water** **air** **rice** **salt** **plastic** **money** **music** **tennis****water****salt****money****music**You can't say **one/two/three**, etc. + these things: ~~one water~~ ~~two musics~~Noncount nouns have only *one* form:**money** **the money** **my money** **some money** **much money, etc.**

- I have **some money**.
- There isn't **much money** in the box.
- Money** isn't everything.

You can't use **a/an** + *noncount nouns*: ~~a money~~ ~~a music~~ ~~a water~~But you can say **a piece of** . . . / **a bottle of** . . . , etc. + *noncount noun*:**a bottle of** water
a piece of cheese
a bowl of rice**a carton of** milk
a bottle of perfume
a cup of coffee**a bar of** soap
a piece of music
a game of tennis

Exercises

65.1 What are these things? Some are count and some are noncount. Write **a/an** if necessary. The names of these things are:

bucket	envelope	money	sand	toothbrush	wallet
egg	jug	salt	spoon	toothpaste	water



65.2 Some of these sentences are OK, but some need **a/an**. Write **a/an** where necessary.

1 I don't have watch. a watch	9 Jamaica is island.
2 Do you like cheese ? OK	10 I don't need key.
3 I never wear hat.	11 Everybody needs food.
4 Are you looking for job ?	12 I've got good idea.
5 Kate doesn't eat meat.	13 Can you drive car?
6 Kate eats apple every day.	14 Do you want cup of coffee?
7 I'm going to party tonight.	15 I don't like coffee without milk.
8 Music is wonderful thing.	16 Don't go out without umbrella.

65.3 What are these things? Write **a ... of ...** for each picture. Use the words in the boxes.



bar	cup	loaf
bowl	glass	piece
carton	jar	piece

bread	paper	tea
honey	soap	water
milk	soup	wood

1 a carton of milk

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