

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
Plural

a car	the car	my car , etc.
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.

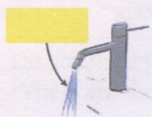
You can't use the singular (**car/bottle/key**, etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

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

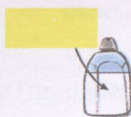
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Noncount nouns

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*: ~~✗ money~~ ~~✗ music~~ ~~✗ water~~

But you can say **a piece of ... / a bottle of ...**, etc. + *noncount noun*:

a bottle of water	a carton of milk	a bar of soap
a piece of cheese	a bottle of perfume	a piece of music
a bowl of rice	a cup of coffee	a game of tennis

Exercises

Unit
65

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

<p>1</p>  <p>It's <u>salt</u>.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>It's <u>a spoon</u>.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>It's</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>It's</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>It's</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>It's</p>

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

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| 1 I don't have watch. <u>a watch</u> | 9 Jamaica is island. |
| 2 Do you like cheese? <u>OK</u> | 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.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
								

bar	cup	loaf	+	bread	paper	tea
bowl	glass	piece		honey	soap	water
carton	jar	piece		milk	soup	wood

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|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| 1 <u>a carton of milk</u> | 4 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 6 | 9 |