

Countable & Uncountable noun



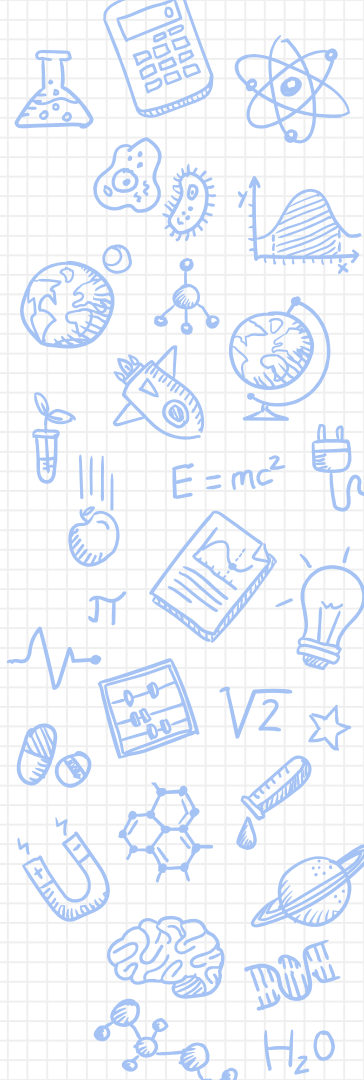


Practice
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Count uncountable nouns

X We can count amounts of uncountable nouns by using expressions:

- A liter of
- A can of
- A loaf of
- A carton of
- A bag of
- A bottle of
- A box of
- A packet of
- A piece of
- A roll of



Much/ Many/ A lot of/ Lots of

Much and **Many** are mainly used in **negative sentences** and **questions**. They are **not** common in affirmative sentences though still possible. **Much** is used with **uncountable nouns**. **Many** is used with **plural countable nouns**.

MUCH

+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I don't have **much** time.
- He doesn't need **much** money.
- Does it use **much** electricity?

MANY

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- There aren't **many** chairs in the room.
- I don't have **many** friends.
- Do you think **many** people will go?

With affirmative sentences, we prefer **a lot of** instead of **much/many**. **A lot of/ lots of** are **not** common in negative sentences or questions. **A lot of** can be used with **countable nouns** and **uncountable nouns**.
a lot of = lots of

A LOT OF

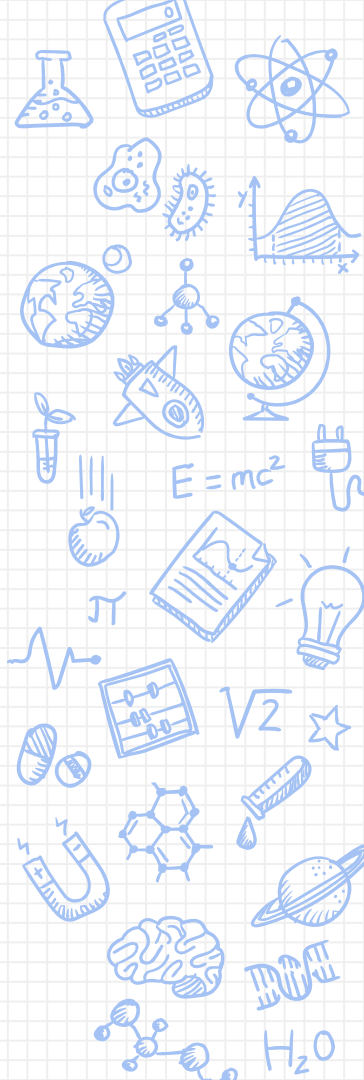
+ UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- I need **a lot of** coffee.
(= I need **lots of** coffee.)
- There is **a lot of** traffic today.

A LOT OF

+ PLURAL COUNTABLE NOUNS

- She has **a lot of** friends.
(= She has **lots of** friends.)
- There are **a lot of** cars on the street.



Spelling rules for changing to plural form

X Nouns end with “o”: **add “es”**

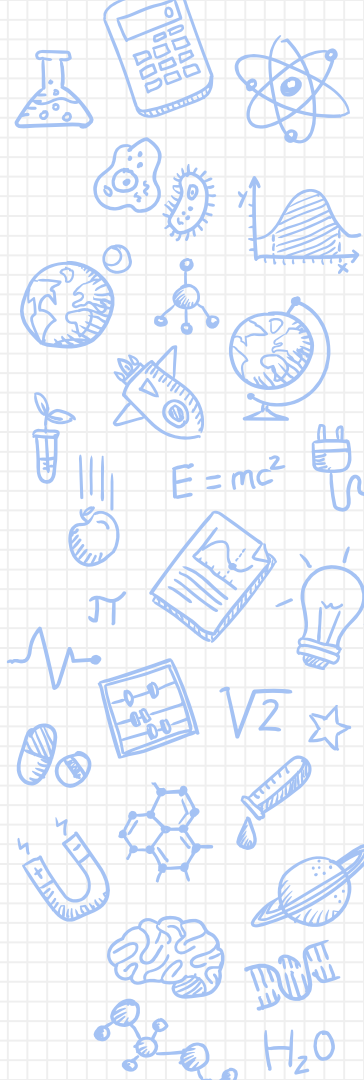
Potatoes, tomatoes, heroes

Except: videos, radios, photos

X Nouns end with f or fe: **change to “ves”**

Leaves, wives

Except: roofs



Irregular nouns

X A few countable nouns are usually plural, so they take a plural verb: **clothes**.

My clothes are in the cupboard.

X Some countable nouns are always plural because they have two parts: **scissors, jeans, trousers, shorts, glasses, binoculars**.

Those are nice jeans.





THANKS!

Any questions?

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