## Countable \&

## Uncountable noun


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## Countable \& Uncountable noun



## Count uncountable nouns

XWe can count amounts of uncountable nouns by using expressions:

- Aliter 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

## MANY

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



## Some \& Any

| SOME | ANY |
| :--- | :--- |
| - with countable nouns in the plural |  |
| - with uncountable nouns |  |$\quad$|  |
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| - in positive sentences |
| We're having some problems. |
| There's some coffee on the table. | | We don't use any videos on our website. |
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| There isn't any information about hotels. |
| Do you have any details about this? |



## Spelling rules for changing to plural form

X Most nouns: add " $s$ " Books, oranges, ideas

XNouns end with -s, -z, -ch, -sh, or -x: add "es" Buses, quizzes, matches, dishes, boxes
$X$ Nouns end with Vowel $+y$ : add " $s$ " Keys
$X$ Nouns end with Consonant $+y$ : change " $y$ " to "ie" and add " $s$ " Cities


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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

XA few countable nouns are usually plural, so they take a plural verb: clothes.
My clothes are in the cupboard.
XSome countable nouns are always plural because they have two parts: scissors, jeans, trousers, shorts, glasses, binoculars. Those are nice jeans.


## Irregular nouns

XA few countable nouns look singular because they have no s but they are always plural and have no singular form: the police (policeman) The police are looking for three men.

XA few nouns look plural, but are not: news, mathematics, physics, the United States The United States is 5,000 kilometers from east to west.


## Irregular nouns

XGroup nouns are singular, but use a plural verb: family, team, class.
My family are all angry with me.
XA few words are the same in the singular and the plural: sheep, fish, series, crossroads, aircraft, deer, species.
I saw three aircraft in five minutes.


## Irregular plurals

| Child | Children |
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| Man | Men |
| Woman | Women |
| Person | People |
| Tooth | Teeth |
| Foot | Feet |
| Mouse | Mice |
| Goose | Geese |



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