

Writing Centre

Count vs. Non-Count Nouns

Count nouns are nouns that are separate pieces and can be counted.

Examples: chair, necklace, pancake, school, snowflake

Non-count nouns are nouns that are more of a whole and cannot be counted.

Example: furniture, jewellery, batter, education, weather, snow







Count Nouns	Non-Count Nouns
• uses articles- a, an or the	• does not use a or an
<i>The cats</i> are friendly.	<i>The information</i> is valuable. (do not use an)
A glass is on the table.	Furniture is needed for the home.
• takes singular or plural form- add – <i>s</i>	• do not add – <i>s</i> to make plural
The books are on the table. (books is plural)	The jewellery is on the table. (not jewelleries)
The book is on the table. (book is singular)	Education is important. (not educations)
• the verb needs to agree with the noun and can be singular or plural	• the verb is always singular
The pancakes are delicious.	Technology has many advantages.
A monkey has a long tail.	My friend's advice is very good.
• the quantity terms are <i>many</i> , <i>several</i> , <i>few</i> ,	• the quantity terms are <i>much</i> , <i>less</i> , <i>a little</i> ,
each, every, any or one	little
How many apples do you need?	How much milk would you like?
Are there any tomatoes in the fridge?	Is there less sugar in that coffee?
Every person likes to be loved.	A little knowledge goes a long way.
• these quantity terms can be used for both <i>som</i>	e, any, most, more, all, a lot of, no, none of the
There are some monkeys in the tree.	· · · · · ·
There is some information in the book.	
Most books have information.	

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