

## 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 <b>books</b> are on the table. (books is plural)	The <b>jewellery</b> is on the table. (not jewelleries)
The <b>book</b> 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.	<b>Technology has</b> 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 <b>many apples</b> do you need?	How <b>much milk</b> would you like?
Are there <b>any tomatoes</b> in the fridge?	Is there <b>less sugar</b> 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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