

Noun can be grouped into two categories: count and noncount nouns.

### Count Nouns

Can have a/an in front of them- *Tom likes to eat **an apple** and **an egg** for breakfast.*

Can have plural forms. *Susan likes **pancakes** for breakfast.*

Can have a number in front of them. *Tom ate **three hamburgers** for dinner yesterday.*

Can take singular or plural verbs. *I ate **a hamburger** at McDonald's today.*

Can be in questions with how many. *How many **hamburgers** did Tom eat?*

Determiners used with singular count nouns	Determiners used with plural count nouns
a/an	two, three, four
one	dozens of, hundreds of, thousands of
a single	a few of
each	few
every	fewer
this	many of
that	many
	a number of
	the number
	a couple of
	several of
	every one of
	each one of
	each of
	one of
	these
	those

## Forming irregular plural nouns

Noun ending	making it plural	examples
-fe	change f to v and then add s	knife = knives life = lives wife = wives
-f	change f to v and then add es	half = halves wolf = wolves loaf = loaves
-o	add es	potato = potatoes tomato = tomatoes tornado = tornadoes
-us	change us to i	cactus = cacti syllabus = syllabi focus = foci
-is	change is to es	crisis = crises thesis = theses analysis = analyses
-on	change on to a	phenomenon = phenomena criterion = criteria
many forms	change word or add a different ending	man = men foot = feet child = children person = people tooth = teeth mouse = mice
No change	Singular and plural forms are the same.	fish = fish deer = deer sheep = sheep trout = trout salmon = salmon

## Noncount Nouns

Can not have a/an in front of them. *Leah likes to eat **cereal**.*

Can not have plural forms. *Susan likes to eat **bread** and **butter**.*

Can not have a number in front of them. *The ingredients says to add a little **milk**.*

Can not take plural verbs. *Whole **wheat** is healthy for you.*

Can be in questions with how much. *How much **milk** did you drink this morning?*

Noncount nouns		
Common determiners used with noncount nouns	“Mass” noncount nouns	“Abstract” noncount nouns
the	wood, cloth, ice, plastic, wool steel, aluminum, metal, glass leather, porcelain, hair, dust air, oxygen	peace, warmth, hospitality, information, anger, education, melancholy, softness, violence
much	water, milk, wine, beer, cake sugar, rice, meat, cheese, flour	conduct, courage, leisure, knowledge, safety, shopping, justice, chaos, progress
amount	reading, boating, smoking, dancing, soccer, hockey, weather, heat, sunshine, electricity, biology, history, mathematics, economics, poetry	speed, experience, time, friendship, trouble, work, culture, virtue
little	Chinese, Spanish, English, luggage, equipment, furniture, experience, applause, photography, traffic, harm, publicity, homework, advice	taste, evil, liberty, democracy
less		death, grief, piety
some		
a lot of		