

Mass Nouns or Uncountable Nouns

- Mass nouns don't take plural forms and are measurable but not countable.
- These nouns are always considered singular.
- Mass nouns cannot take the indefinite article (a, an)

Examples:

Objects with no definite shape:

coffee	air	wool
Salt	pepper	honey

Abstract ideas, qualities or concepts:

beauty	knowledge	advice
education	information	homework
peace	time	help

Fields of activity or study:

music	dancing	teaching
mathematics	physics	basketball

Counters

Words that pluralize nouns

1. Determiner - a word or group of words that specifies, identifies, or quantifies the noun that follows

Examples:

SOME, ANY, NO

I have **some time**.

I don't have **any time**.

I have **no time**.

LITTLE, A LITTLE, LESS, THE LEAST

There is **little hope** that he will survive. (not much)

There is **a little hope** that he will survive. (some)

Tim should spend **less time** on the computer.

This medicine does the **least harm**.

MUCH, MORE, (THE) MOST, MOST OF THE

There is not **much hope** that he will survive. (little)

There is **more hope** that he will survive.

Most furniture is made of wood.

Which candy bar has **the most sugar** in it?

Most of the time I'm not at home.

A LOT OF, LOTS OF, PLENTY OF

We have **a lot of space** in the car.

We have **lots of space** in the car.
We have **plenty of space** in the car.

AN AMOUNT OF

The word budget means **an amount of money** we have available to spend.

ENOUGH

Is there **enough milk** in the fridge?

ALL, ALL THE

Not **all coffee** is bitter.

The robber took **all the money**.

2. Noun counters - These are nouns used to count the mass noun

Examples:

Add 3 **cups** of sugar to make the chocolate spread.

She gave her mom two **bottles** of perfume on her birthday.

Pooh likes eating a **jar** of honey everyday.

Three **spoonfuls** of honey will make it sweet.

Exercise: Choose the mass nouns in the sentences.

1. Drink at least eight glasses of water daily.
2. My mother gives me butter with bread for breakfast.
3. Most kids do not like milk, but I like it very much.
4. People use clay to create pots.
5. I learn music from the best musicians.
6. Happiness is the tool to remove all problems.
7. I like to make nice art.
8. My love for my parents is unconditional.
9. I read news daily from the newspaper.
10. One of my best friends gives nice advice.
11. We can store more information in smartphones.
12. My dad has bought lots of furniture for the office.
13. We always eat rice for lunch.
14. I do not like to eat sugar.
15. There is no electricity problem in my colony.
16. I have the power to fight anyone.
17. My dad earns much money.
18. I drink only two cups of tea daily.
19. Air pollution is increasing day by day.
20. Knowledge gives us confidence.
21. Anger may spoil anybody.
22. Safety is very important for everyone.