

# APC English 2

# nouns

countable and uncountable nouns

## countable nouns

we have looked at plural nouns (student => students)

but

some nouns are not 'countable' (1 student, 2 students, ...)

so nouns are countable nouns or uncountable nouns

For example:

"apple" "rice" "bread"

two apples

~~two rice~~

~~two bread~~

two apples

a bowl of rice

two slices of bread

I bought two apples.

I need some rice for the recipe.

Can you buy a loaf of bread?

## countable and uncountable nouns

### Countable Nouns:

- I bought three bananas.
- He has two pizzas for the party.
- The children ate five cookies after school.
- We picked six oranges from the tree.
- There are eight tomatoes in the basket.

## countable and uncountable nouns

### Uncountable Nouns:

- I need some flour for baking.
- She enjoys drinking tea in the morning.
- Can you pass me a little salt, please?
- We bought a bottle of water at the store.
- The recipe calls for a cup of sugar.
- He prefers coffee with a splash of milk.

## countable and uncountable nouns?

- My friend gave me four chocolates.
- Some words can be used with different meanings

### uncountable

- chocolate bar
  - e.g. I ate 2 pieces of chocolate



### countable

- box of chocolates
  - e.g. I took 3 chocolates



# COUNTABLES



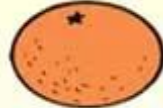
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CHEERIES

# UNCOUNTABLES



BREAD



FRUIT



JUICE



MEAT



RICE



CEREAL



JAM



MILK



COFFEE



SUGAR



FLOUR



OIL



SALT



SOUP



TEA



COTTAGE CHEESE



PASTA



HONEY



WATER



CHEESE



BUTTER



SEAFOOD



MUSTARD

# exercise #1



## Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Read the following sentences and identify the countable or uncountable nouns.  
Write "C" for countable and "U" for uncountable

*there can be more than one answer in a sentence*

C or U

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| 1. C    | 1. She bought two <u>dresses</u> for the party.                          |
| 2.      | 2. Can you pass me some salt, please?                                    |
| 3.      | 3. My brother reads three books every month.                             |
| 4.      | 4. I need a piece of advice on my project.                               |
| 5. C, U | 5. They have three <u>dogs</u> and some <u>milk</u> in the refrigerator. |
| 6.      | 6. I prefer tea over coffee in the morning.                              |
| 7.      | 7. He ate a hamburger and drank a glass of juice for lunch.              |
| 8.      | 8. There are many birds in the sky.                                      |
| 9.      | 9. The children played with toys in the garden.                          |
| 10.     | 10. Please bring me a cup of tea with sugar.                             |

# exercise #2

listen to the following passage (first)

Lisa went to the grocery store

[https://www.alps.academy/countable\\_and\\_uncountable\\_nouns/](https://www.alps.academy/countable_and_uncountable_nouns/)

try to see if any of the food or drinks use quantifiers

e.g. A glass of water - water is an uncountable noun

listen to the following passage (first)

Lisa went to the grocery store to buy some items for her weekend. She picked up a carton of eggs, a loaf of bread, a bag of rice, and a bottle of milk.

Lisa also wanted to make a salad, so she got some tomatoes, lettuce, and cucumbers.

In the fruit section, she grabbed a bunch of bananas and a watermelon. For a sweet treat, Lisa bought a bar of chocolate.

At the checkout, she realized she forgot to get sugar for her coffee, so she quickly added a packet to her purchases."

exercise #1 - countable or uncountable

mark each item as **countable (C)** or **uncountable (U)**



1. eggs

**C** **U**



2. bread

**C**



3. rice



4. milk



5. salad

6. tomatoes



8. cucumbers

**C** **U**

9. watermelon

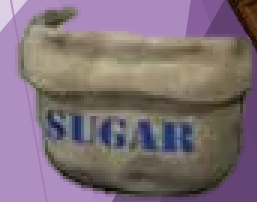
10. chocolate

11. sugar

12. coffee



7. lettuce



# exercise #3

## Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

Read the following sentences and identify the countable nouns by underlining them and the uncountable nouns by circling them.

1. Can you pass me a couple of oranges and some fresh juice?
2. She bought three new shirts and a bottle of perfume at the mall.
3. My sister painted two beautiful paintings for the art exhibition.
4. We enjoyed a delicious meal with a plate of spaghetti and a bowl of soup.
5. The students in the class wrote three essays and shared some interesting information.
6. He received many gifts for his birthday, including a box of chocolates and a jar of cookies.

# listening practice



All the \_\_\_\_\_ are brown  
And the sky is \_\_\_\_\_  
I've been for a walk  
On a \_\_\_\_\_'s day  
I'd be safe and warm  
If I was in L.A.  
California \_\_\_\_\_  
On such a \_\_\_\_\_'s day

Stopped in to a \_\_\_\_\_  
I passed along the way  
Well, I got down on my \_\_\_\_\_  
And I pretend to pray  
You know the preacher liked the \_\_\_\_\_  
He knows I'm gonna \_\_\_\_\_  
California \_\_\_\_\_  
On such a \_\_\_\_\_'s day

## California dreaming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-aK6JnyFmk>

All the \_\_\_\_\_ are brown  
And the sky is \_\_\_\_\_  
I've been for a walk  
On a \_\_\_\_\_'s day  
If I didn't tell her

I could leave today  
California \_\_\_\_\_  
On such a \_\_\_\_\_'s day  
On such a \_\_\_\_\_'s day  
On such a \_\_\_\_\_'s day

cold winter grey  
church knees  
stay leaves  
dreaming

collectable nouns

## introduction

we have looked at plural nouns (student => students)  
and 'uncountable' nouns (rice, meat, coffee, etc.)

but if we do not use 1,2,3 then what do we use?  
we use 'quantifiers'

There are special words for these types of nouns in a collective  
(more than one) - these are called **collective nouns**

## collective nouns

Collective nouns are used to define a group of people, animals or objects

collective nouns

1 banana

2 bananas

3 bananas

many bananas

a bunch of bananas



**bunch** is the collective noun

collective nouns

1 bird

2 birds

3 birds

many birds

a flock of birds



**flock** is the collective noun

collective nouns

1 person

2 people

3 people

many people

a crowd of people

*a group of people*

crowd is the collective noun

group is also a collective noun

# COUNTABLES



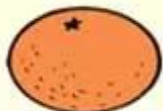
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# Food

the name of the container

- bag
- bowl
- cup
- glass
- jar
- plate
- spoon(ful)

a general term for the size

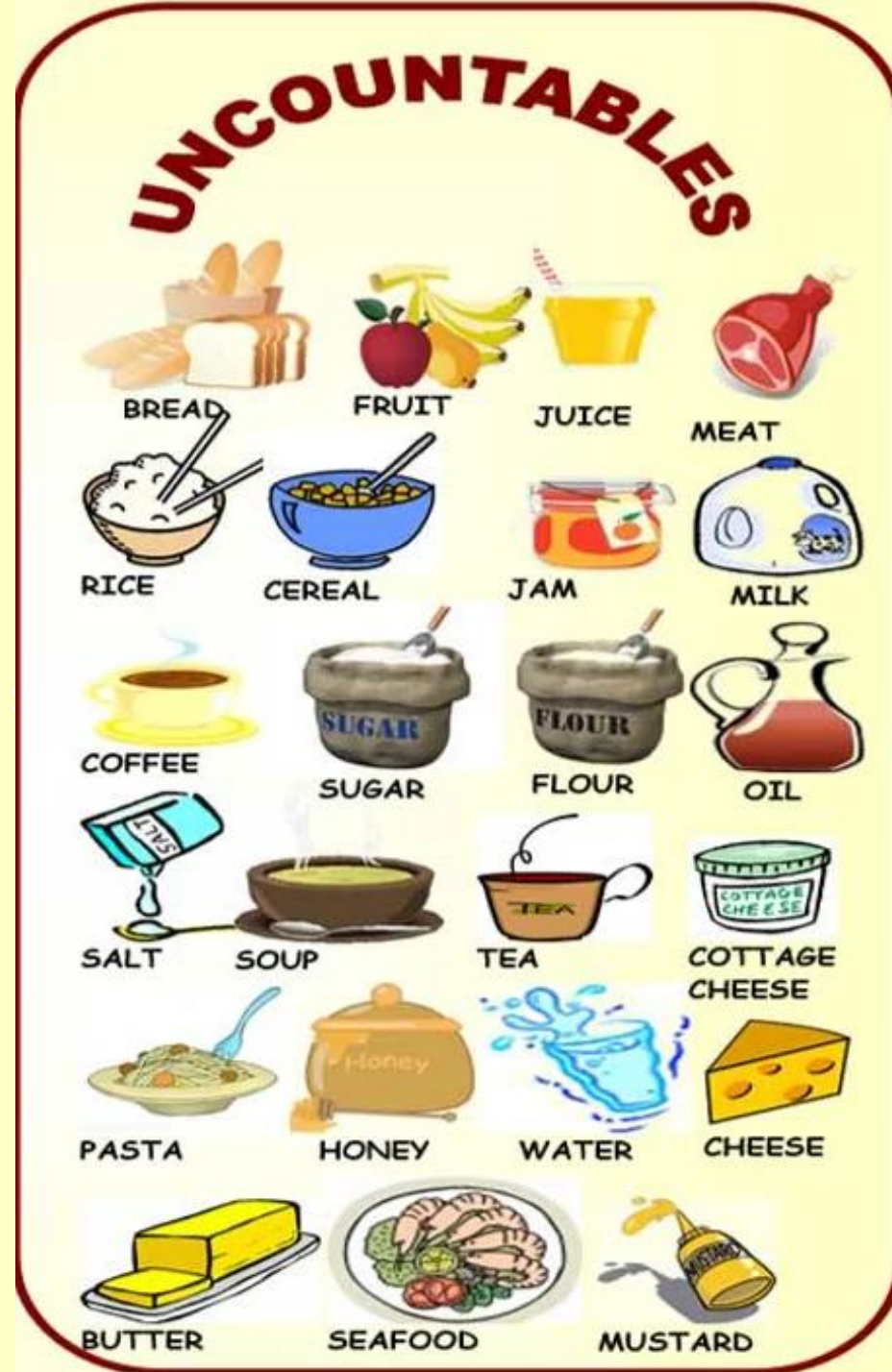
- piece
- slice

others

- pinch

A **bag** of flour  
A **bottle** of oil  
A **bowl** of rice  
A **bowl** of soup  
A **bowl** of cereal  
A **cup** of coffee  
A **cup** of tea  
A **glass** of milk  
A **glass** of water  
A **jar** of honey  
A **jar** of jam  
A **jar** of mustard  
A **piece** of cheese  
A **piece** of fruit  
A **piece** of meat  
A **pinch** of salt  
A **plate** of pasta  
A **plate** of seafood  
A **slice** of bread  
A **slice** of butter  
A **spoonful** of sugar

of



general (generic) terms often used

A group of \_\_\_\_\_

A pack of \_\_\_\_\_

A crowd of \_\_\_\_\_

A slice of \_\_\_\_\_

A piece of \_\_\_\_\_

A gang of \_\_\_\_\_

A collection of \_\_\_\_\_

A range of \_\_\_\_\_

A flock of \_\_\_\_\_

A herd of \_\_\_\_\_

A set of \_\_\_\_\_

these can be used  
for many types of  
collections

## general (generic) terms often used

A group of:

1. A group of friends
2. A group of students
3. A group of birds

A pack of:

1. A pack of wolves
2. A pack of cards
3. A pack of cigarettes

A crowd of:

1. A crowd of people
2. A crowd of fans
3. A crowd of protesters

A slice of:

1. A slice of pizza
2. A slice of cake
3. A slice of bread

A piece of:

1. A piece of advice
2. A piece of information
3. A piece of chocolate

A gang of:

1. A gang of criminals
2. A gang of bikers
3. A gang of kids

A collection of:

1. A collection of books
2. A collection of art
3. A collection of stamps

## general (generic) terms often used

1. A range of:
  1. A range of mountains
  2. A range of products
  3. A range of temperatures
2. A flock of:
  1. A flock of birds
  2. A flock of sheep
  3. A flock of geese
1. A herd of:
  1. A herd of elephants
  2. A herd of cattle
  3. A herd of deer
2. A set of:
  1. A set of tools
  2. A set of dishes
  3. A set of goals

# exercise #1

1. beans



4. & 5. chocolate



7. crisps



11. lemonade



15. rice



## Choose the correct quantifier

1. A can/bunch of beans
2. A piece/bowl of cake
3. A box/piece of cereal
4. A plate/piece of chocolate
5. A bowl/bar of chocolate
6. A chunk/can of coke
7. A bag/slice of crisps
8. A chunk/bunch of grapes
9. A plate/jar of honey
10. A bag/carton of juice
11. A slice/glass of lemonade
12. A piece/glass of milk
13. A bowl/slice of pizza
14. A cup/plate of tea
15. A slice/bowl of rice

3. cereal



6. coke



9. honey



12. milk



# listening exercise

## listen first

On a sunny weekend, friends visited a zoo to explore the animals. Their favourites were a pride of lions rested under a tree, a herd of elephants, a troop of monkeys and a pack of wolves.

Later, they ventured to a farm close by. Near a pond where a shoal of fish swam, there was a lot of noise from a gaggle of geese, although it didn't affect the flock of birds overhead, a flock of sheep or a herd of cows who carried on grazing peacefully. In the farm's garden, a swarm of bees buzzed around collecting nectar.

They also noticed an army of ants, carrying bits of food. To conclude the day, they visited a friend's house. On a previous visit, their friend's cat had a litter of kittens. This time, their friend's dog proudly presented a litter of puppies.



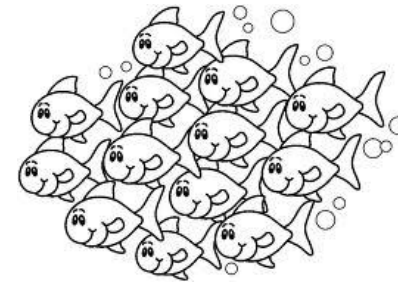


A **Colony** of Ants  
An **Army** of Ants



A **Swarm** of Bees

# animal collective nouns



A **School** of Fish  
A **Shoal** of Fish



A **Flock** of Birds



A **Pride** of Lions



A **Herd** of Cows



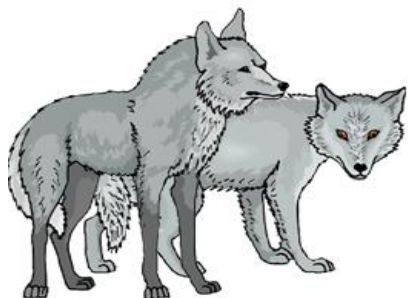
A **Herd** of Elephants



A **Flock** of Sheep



A **Gaggle** of Geese



A **Pack** of Wolves



A **Troop** of Monkeys



A **Litter** of Puppies



A **Litter** of Kittens

# exercise #2 & #3

## collectable Nouns

**Complete the sentences with the right collective noun.**

ocfk      eeftl      edhr      aegnr      bchnu      aflo      abdor

1. Sue wants to visit a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of mountains.
2. A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of birds is gathering together by the lake.
3. The farmer is looking after the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of cows.
4. Matt went to the grocery to buy a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of grapes.
5. The company bought a new \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of vans.
6. Cut a slice off the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of bread, please.
7. She gained a seat on the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of directors.





Complete the collective nouns

A collection of **stamps**

A collection of \_\_\_\_\_

A bunch of \_\_\_\_\_

A bunch of \_\_\_\_\_

A bunch of \_\_\_\_\_

A bunch of \_\_\_\_\_

A flight of \_\_\_\_\_

A fleet of \_\_\_\_\_

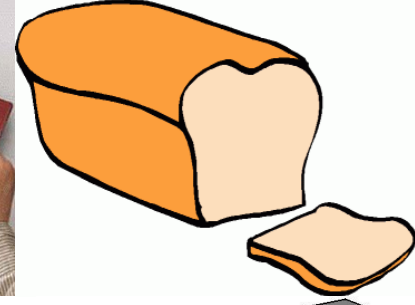
A pack of \_\_\_\_\_

A loaf of \_\_\_\_\_

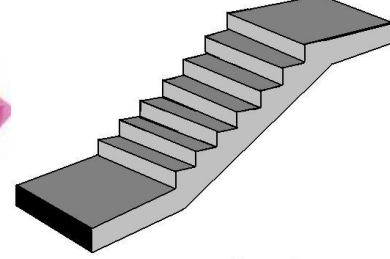
A chest of **drawers**

A deck of **cards** [2]

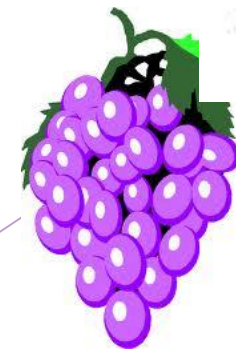
A bouquet of **flowers** [2]



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# listening practice

## Nina Simone - Feeling Good

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHRNrgDIJfo>

Select the correct words to complete the lyrics of the song

birds	breeze
butterflies	dragonfly
fish	freedom
river	scent
sea	sky
sleep	stars
sun	tree

Birds flying high, you know how I feel  
\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, you know how I feel  
\_\_\_\_\_ drifting on by, you know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me

Yeah, it's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me  
And I'm feeling good

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, you know how I feel  
\_\_\_\_\_ running free, you know how I feel  
Blossom on the \_\_\_\_\_, you know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me

And I'm feeling good

\_\_\_\_\_ out in the sun, you know what I mean, don't you know  
\_\_\_\_\_ all having fun, you know what I mean  
\_\_\_\_\_ in peace when day is done: that's what I mean  
And this old world is a new world and a bold world for me

\_\_\_\_\_ when you shine, you know how I feel  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the pine, you know how I feel  
Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ is mine, and I know how I feel  
It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me

And I'm feeling... good



**Thank you!**  
any questions?