

Talk in your group:

1. What do you have too much of?
2. What do you have not enough of? Answer-I don't have enough _____
3. How many pairs of shoes do you have in your closet? Do you need more?
4. What is more important for you right now, learning English or getting a job?
5. Do you drink more tea or coffee? Do you drink more milk or juice? Do you eat more rice or potatoes?
6. To feel good about myself, I need _____...

REVIEWING COUNT AND NON COUNT NOUNS

- Count nouns are words that you have plurals: chair-chairs airplane-airplanes
- Noncount nouns are words that don't: furniture gold scenery
- Many times noncount nouns are categories of things: EX-chair is a type of furniture, mountains are a type of scenery, necklaces are a type of jewelry
- Sometimes noncount nouns are elements which represent lots of little parts. EX: sugar, coffee
- Sometimes noncount nouns are abstract: EX: sunshine, light, darkness
- Some nouns can be noncount or count, but the meaning is different. EX: I love your hair. She has tiny hairs on her face. Open the curtains to let in some light. Turn off the light before you go to bed.

Underline the noncount nouns in these sentences.

1. I bought some chairs and a table. We need a lot of furniture in our apartment.
2. Ann likes jewelry. She wears necklaces and bracelets.
3. We saw mountains and beautiful lakes. The scenery was beautiful.
4. Gold and iron are valuable metals.
5. We boiled water to make coffee. Then we added sugar and cream.
6. We worked on an art project. We used wood, glue, paper and cotton. We drew a design with pencils.
7. Traffic was bad on the way to class. There was an accident.
8. I don't have any change. Lend me some money for the meter. I need four quarters.
9. The car needs gas. It also needs new tires.
10. The weather is strange. We had rain. We had thunder and lightning. Now we have sunshine.
11. I hate homework. I have to study vocabulary. Then, I have three pages of spelling words to memorize.
12. Their yard is full of junk. There are old refrigerators, broken chairs and lots of trash.

Add an s or es to any of the nouns in italics that need it.

1. Isabel always has fresh *egg* because she raises *chicken*.
2. Could I have some *chicken* with my *rice*?
3. Outside my window, I see *bush*, *dirt*, *grass*, *flower* and *tree*.
4. Abby gave me good *advice*. John also gave me some good *suggestion*.
5. I drank two *glass* of *water*.
6. *Window* are made of *glass*.
7. Mr. Chu wears *glass* because he has poor *eyesight*.
8. It took a lot of *time* to finish my *homework*. I had many *assignment*.
9. A business needs lots of *equipment*. We have *copier*, *phone*, *desk*, and other *furniture*.
10. Modern *factory* need modern *machinery*.

Using articles with count and noncount nouns.

- Generic nouns are general nouns. EX: Bananas are yellow. Cats have claws. No article is used.
- If you are referring to any item, you use "a" or "an". EX: I'd like a banana. I had an idea.
- If you are referring to a particular item, you use "the". EX: The banana I ate was good. The idea you gave me worked well. The cats in the pet shop are cute. Thank you for the quarters.

Explain the difference in meaning of these sentences.

Hand the book to a teacher.

Hand the book to the teacher.

I rode a bus to work.

The bus was late.

The cat was chasing a mouse.

The mouse ran into the hole.

expressions of quantity	used with count nouns	used with noncount nouns
one each every	one apple, each boy, every pencil	NO
two both a couple of a few several many a number of	two pears, both boys, a couple of pencils, a few buses, several chairs, many phones, a number of bicycles	NO
a little much a great deal of	NO	a little salt, much light, a great deal of coffee
no some/any a lot of/lots of plenty of most all	no apples, some pears, any boys, a lot of chairs, plenty of bicycles, most dogs, all cats	no rice, some coffee, any light, a lot of cheese, plenty of corn, most clothing, all fruit

Draw a line through the expressions that CANNOT be used to complete the sentence.

Expressions of Quantity

a-three

b-several

c-some

d-a lot of

e-too much

f-too many

g-a few

h-a little

i-a number of

j-a great deal of

k-hardly any

l-no

1. Jake has _____ homework.
2. Isabel has _____ assignments.
3. There is _____ milk in the refrigerator.
4. _____ boxes are empty.
5. I have _____ oranges.

Write "much" or "many" in the blanks.

1. I have visited _____ cities in the U.S.
2. There isn't _____ money left.
3. I didn't get _____ mail today.
4. There is too _____ furniture in this room.
5. There wasn't _____ traffic today.
6. How _____ sides does a pentagon have?
7. I haven't met _____ people here.
8. How _____ postage does his letter need?
9. How _____ stamps does this letter need?
10. There wasn't _____ news in the paper today.