

FUMC ESL 2-3-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Count and Non-Count Nouns (Count nouns have a plural form. Non-count nouns do not.)

Read these examples of count and non-count nouns.

COUNT NOUNS	NON-COUNT NOUNS
I eat a banana every day.	I eat rice every day.
I eat two apples every day.	I eat spaghetti every day.
Do you have a ten-dollar bill ?	Do you have any money ?
It was an accident	It was bad luck .
There are no batteries in the flashlight.	There is no electricity in this campground.
We don't have enough cups .	We don't have enough water .

We use A or AN with count nouns. We can use numbers before a count noun. We don't use A or AN before non-count nouns. We don't use numbers before non-count nouns.

EX: I ate two apples. I ate fruit. NOT two fruits

We don't use single count nouns without an article (a, an, the). EX: I want a banana. NOT: I want banana.

We don't use A or AN with non-count nouns. EX: I want rice. NOT: I want a rice. We CAN use phrases like, a cup of rice, a bowl of rice, a grain of rice.

We can use plural count nouns without A or AN. EX: I like bananas. I need batteries.

We use SOME or ANY with plural count nouns and non-count nouns. EX: We sang some songs. Did you buy any apples? We listened to some music. We didn't bring any fruit.

We use MANY, FEW and A LOT OF with plural count nouns. EX: We took many photographs at the beach. We brought a few games with us. We caught a lot of fish.

We use MUCH, A LOT OF and A LITTLE with non-count nouns. EX: We didn't do much shopping. We did a little work. We did a lot of work.

We use ANY with count nouns and non-count nouns only in 1) questions and 2) negative sentences.

EX: Are there any bananas? Is there any fruit? I don't have any bananas. I don't have any fruit. NOT: I have any fruit. I have any bananas.

Tell which sentence is correct.

Joe hasn't got car.	Joe hasn't got a car.
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Helen listens to music.	Helen listens to a music.
We went to restaurant last night.	We went to a restaurant last night.
We have some milk in the refrigerator.	We have any milk in the refrigerator.
I brush my teeth with toothpaste.	I brush my teeth with a toothpaste.
My brother works for insurance company.	My brother works for an insurance company.
I don't like violence in movies.	I don't like a violence in movies.
We need a gasoline.	We need gasoline.
We need some gasoline.	We need any gasoline.
Soccer is good game.	Soccer is a good game.

Notice that "toothbrush" is a count noun, but "toothpaste" is non-count. We can have two toothbrushes, but not two toothpastes.

Tell which of the words is a non-count noun.

necklace	jewelry	song	music	game	tennis
coat	blood	milk	gold	juice	orange
bread	butter	chicken	meat	cheese	money
knowledge	jam	rain	work	wood	truck
chair	furniture	peace	lightning	flower	cotton

Correct these sentences. The first one is done for you.

We had two rains this week.	We had some rain this week. OR We had two rainy days this week.
I have any milk.	
There are two bloods on your shirt	
I have many water in my cooler.	
I have six golfs.	
I want some ices in my drink.	
I have much problems.	
I don't have some mail.	
Can I have any water, pleases?	

I have any money in my wallet.	
She has two monies in her purse.	
We don't have some money.	

Pronouncing S and SH

S can be pronounced S or Z. EX: desk - easy, bus - busy, worst - wisdom.

S and SH are not pronounced the same. Read the word pairs.

sue = shoe	sew - show	sock - shock	ask - ash	suit - shoot
sour - shower	same - shame	seat - sheet	seed - she'd	seal - she'll
sip - ship	sign - shine	soldier - shoulder	self - shelf	save - shave
lease - leash	mess - mesh			

SH and CH are pronounced differently. Pronounce these SH and CH words

shoe - chew	sheep - cheap	shatter - chatter	shop - chop	ship - chip
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Some words that begin with SU are pronounced like SH

sure	sugar	insurance
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Try these tongue-twisters.

1. Sally sits in a shoeshine shop shining shoes for sailors.
2. Sure, sir, the ships shipshape.
3. Shane's fish shop seldom sells shellfish.
4. Sara saw a sash shop full of shiny sashes.
5. Santa's short suit shrunk.
6. Susie's sock shop hasn't stopped selling shorts.
7. Sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack.
8. Chester Cheeta chews a chunk of cheap cheddar cheese.
9. Children chuckle cheerily.
10. I munch french fries for lunch, crunch crunch.

Today we will begin reading a short novel called, "Holding the Bag." Each lesson we will read another chapter.

Chapter 1: Negasi

Negasi is from Ethiopia. He has lived in the United States for twelve years. Negasi is a taxi driver in Washington, DC. He picks up and drops off passengers for ten hours a day, seven days a week. His life isn't easy, but Negasi manages to support his family on his fares and tips.

1. *Where is Negasi from?*
2. *How long has Negasi lived in the U.S.?*
3. *How many hours does Negasi work?*
4. *How does Negasi support his family?*

Negasi worries a lot about his financial responsibilities. Of course, he needs money for rent, food, and other household expenses. But there are also other things to pay for. Negasi and his wife, Ana, are expecting another baby this summer. Their five year old son, Dawit, needs a new winter coat. His eight year old daughter, Desta, broke her glasses and needs another pair. Negasi's relatives in Ethiopia need help, too. Negasi tries to send them money when he can. But most of the time he can't.

1. *What does Negasi worry about?*
2. *What does Negasi need money for?*
3. *What is coming this summer?*
4. *What does Dawit need?*
5. *What does Desta need?*
6. *Why can't Negasi send money to his Ethiopian relatives all the time?*

Right now, it's 5:00 A.M. and Negasi is standing in the kitchen, staring into his coffee cup. Ana walks into the kitchen. "Well," says Negasi, "we could use an extra \$5,000 now to help pay our expenses.

"Let's look on the bright side," says Ana. "Maybe you'll get a very big tip today." Then Ana picks up a nickel from the table. "Look!" she says, smiling. "Things are better already! Here is 5 cents. Now we only need \$4,999.95."

1. *What does Negasi say he needs?*
2. *What does "Look on the bright side," mean?*
3. *What does Ana find on the table?*
4. *Ana teases Negasi saying, "Now we only need \$4,999.95."*

Discuss:

- 1-Many refugees from Afghanistan are coming to the U.S. now. Many escaped with only a few possessions. What are some of the problems refugees have when they arrive here?
- 2-How do you feel about taking in refugees? Does your country welcome refugees from other countries?
- 3-Do you think there should be a limit on the number of people that immigrate to the U.S.?
- 4-Many nations are building walls to keep immigrants out. What do you think about that?