

FUMC ESL. 5-16-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name a city in the U.S. you have visited or would like to visit.

GRAMMAR: Count and Non-count Nouns

Non-count nouns are nouns with no plural form. For example, we say “salt” but not “salts”. EX: Pass the salt. NOT Pass the salts.

Count nouns can have numbers in front. For example: We say “one dollar, two dollars, three dollars.” But we DON’T say “one money, two money, three money.” Money is a non-count noun. There is not a plural form. We do not put A or AN in front of a non-count non.

Decide if these nouns have a plural form. Circle the nouns that don’t have a plural form.

key	chair	furniture	air	dirt	garbage	jewelry
mail	television	soccer	shoe	smoke	traffic	time
watch	music	ring	water	ice	sugar	milk

Read these sentences. If the word before the blank is a non-count noun, leave the space blank. If it is a count noun, add A or AN.

1. The cook put _____ salt on the chicken.
2. We have _____ milk in the refrigerator.
3. Kate eats _____ apple every day.
4. Bob likes _____ cheese on his sandwich.
5. I don’t like coffee without _____ cream.
6. I wear _____ hat when it rains.
7. I don’t have _____ key to the house.
8. I poured _____ water into the glasses.
9. I added _____ ice to the water.
10. Everybody needs _____ food.
11. Jim bought Mother _____ jewelry.
12. Jim bought Father _____ ring.
13. There is _____ mail in the box.
14. There is _____ letter in the box.
15. I hate _____ traffic.
16. I have _____ car.
17. We listen to _____ music every night.
18. She has _____ gold watch.
19. They don’t have _____ time.
20. We need _____ chair for the new student.
21. I learned to speak _____ English.

22. My sister sings _____ song about stars.
23. The girl had _____ ribbon in her hair.
24. I need _____ sugar for my coffee.
25. The African woman suffered from _____ malaria.

Some nouns can be both count and non-count. We will talk about those nouns on Thursday.

Practice Speaking

1-If you live in the **country**, you live outside the town or city. A **town** is smaller than a city. Austin used to be a town. But Austin is now a city. Did you live in the country or the city in your home country? Would you like to live in the country or do you prefer towns and cities? Do you want to live in a really big city, like New York or Seoul or Peking? What is your favorite city in the world?

2-My mother loves to take Sunday **drives**. She likes to drive in the country on small roads. She likes to stop at small towns and have lunch or have a piece of pie. Do you like to go for drives in the country? What is your favorite small town near where you live?

3-In the country, you can enjoy **nature**. Nature is everything in the **natural** world (trees, plants, animals, rivers, lakes, mountains). Do you like to hike in the country? Would you rather hike on a beach or in the mountains?

4-Animals that live free in the country are called **wildlife**. This is a non-count noun. You say, "I enjoy seeing wildlife." NOT, I enjoy seeing a wildlife. Do you enjoy seeing wildlife? On a recent vacation, I saw a moose. Have you seen a moose? What wildlife have you seen?

My friend loves to watch birds. She is a birdwatcher. She travels to many places to watch birds. Do you enjoy seeing birds? Would you travel several hours to see birds?

Practice these Conversations:

Adam: I am going to south Texas this weekend to see birds?

Jane: You don't need to drive far to see birds. I can see birds when I look out my window. Come to my house and you can see many birds.

Adam: I am a birdwatcher. I want to see birds that I have never seen. Birds **migrate** through south Texas. I can see **rare** birds in south Texas. I keep a list of birds I have seen. When I go to south Texas, I can see many birds to add to my list.

Jane: I understand now. I didn't know you were a birdwatcher.

1. Where is Adam going this weekend? Why is he going?
2. What does Jane tell Adam to do?
3. What kinds of birds does Adam want to see?
4. What is on Adam's list?
5. How does Adam describe himself?

6. Do you know any birdwatchers?

Sara: I heard you live on a farm, Dora.

Dora: Yes, I do.

Sara: Where is your farm?

Dora: It is about 30 miles outside the city.

Sara: I have never lived on a farm. Tell me about your farm.

Dora: We have lots of land. We plant cotton on most of it. But we also grow vegetables to sell at the market. And we have a pecan grove.

Sara: What is a pecan grove?

Dora: A grove is a group of trees. Our trees are pecan trees. They make many pecans every fall. We eat some and sell some at the market.

Sara: Do you have any animals on the farm?

Dora: Yes, we have a few cows, chickens and pigs. My daughter has a horse. And we have several dogs.

Sara: That is a lot of animals. Who takes care of them all?

Dora: Everyone helps take care of the animals. I milk the cows. My husband feeds the pigs. My daughter likes to care for the chickens. She loves to collect eggs every morning. We all take care of the horse. We ride him every day.

Sara: Could I visit your farm? My daughter would love to see a farm. She loves animals.

Dora: Sure. We love to have visitors on the farm. My daughter can show your daughter all the animals. I can show her how to milk a cow. Maybe she can collect some eggs from our chickens. And you can take some fresh eggs home with you. Does your daughter like to ride horses?

Sara: Oh, no. I am afraid to let her ride a horse. I am afraid she might fall off. Or the horse might bite her.

Dora: Our horse is very gentle. She wouldn't bite your daughter. I can ride with your daughter if you like. I can show her how to ride without falling off.

Sara: We'll see. I am afraid of horses.

Dora: Why don't you come to the farm next Saturday. I think you and your daughter will have fun.

Sara: That will be great. I am so excited. Thank you for inviting us.

1. What has Sara heard?
2. Where is the farm?
3. What things does Dora plant on her farm?
4. What is a pecan grove?
5. What does Dora do with the pecans?
6. What animals does Dora have?
7. Who takes care of the animals?
8. Why does Sara want to visit the farm?
9. What will Dora give Sara to take home?
10. Does Sara's daughter ride horses?
11. Would Dora's horse bite?
12. What can Dora show Sara's daughter?
13. When will Sara go to the farm?

14. Have you visited a farm? Describe what you saw on the farm.
15. Do you like animals? Are you afraid of any animals?
16. If someone asked you to ride their horse, would you?
17. Do you like to listen to Country Music?
18. Some Korean students told me that Johnny Cash is popular in S. Korea. Have you heard of Johnny Cash or any other country singers?