

## FUMCESL 5-19-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

GRAMMAR: Monday we talked about count and non-count nouns. Today we will talk about them again. Remember, we use A or AN with single count nouns. EX: a banana, an accident. We can use numbers before count nouns. EX: two rabbits, three children. We cannot use a number before a non-count noun.

Tell if these sentences are correct. If they are incorrect, explain why they are incorrect.

1. I eat a rice for breakfast.
2. There's a beach near here.
3. Do you have dollar I could borrow?
4. I need a money.
5. We don't have an electricity in our cabin.
6. There is a blood on your shirt.
7. There is a sand inside your shoes.
8. I have new bicycle.
9. I clean my teeth with a toothpaste.
10. I clean my teeth with a toothbrush.
11. I'm looking for work.
12. I'm looking for job.

You can use THE before count or non-count nouns.

EX: The blood on your shirt is red. The electricity is not on. The cows are in the pasture.

You can't say, "I eat a rice." But you can say, "I eat a bowl of rice." There were two grains of sugar on the table. I drink two cups of coffee every day.

We can use SOME and ANY with count or non-count nouns. I eat **some** eggs every morning. I drank **some** coffee this morning. Did you buy **any** eggs? Did you buy **any** coffee?

Note: Do not use "some" when you are talking about things in general. EX: My mother writes books. NOT: My mother writes some books. I love bananas, NOT I love some bananas.

We use MANY and FEW with plural count nouns. EX: We sang many songs. We sang a few songs. NOT: We heard many music. We heard a few music.

We use MUCH and A LITTLE with non-count nouns. EX: Do we have **much** milk? We have **a little** milk.

Many nouns can be count OR non-count. The meaning is a little different. Read these two sentences.

I hate **noise**. I really enjoy a quiet neighborhood.

I just heard a **noise** downstairs. Is someone in our house?

In the first sentence, "noise" is a general noun referring to all types of noise. In the second sentence, "noise" is a particular noise. Which noise? The noise downstairs.

There are two hairs in my soup. Hair is a count here, because it is specific hairs. (the hairs in your soup)

I need my hair cut. This is non-count. We can't say I need my two hairs cut. We cannot make hair plural when we are talking about all the hair on your head.

**Read these sentences and tell if the noun in bold is count or non-count.**

I bought a **paper** to read while I drink my coffee.

I need to buy **paper** for my printer.

I had some interesting **experiences** on my trip through Africa.

**Experience** is a great teacher.

We have two extra **rooms** in our house.

There is **room** for all of you to stay.

**Light** comes from the sun.

Turn on a **light** in the bedroom.

Be careful with the nouns which have the same single and plural form. Example: We bought two **sheep**. You can't add an S to sheep, so you might think it is non-count. But it is actually a count noun. It just happens that the plural form of sheep is sheep. There were three sheep standing in the field.

There are several of these words where the singular and plural form are the same. Many of them are animals: deer, fish, aircraft, moose, salmon, shrimp, buffalo

When you are talking about a person's job, we use A or AN. EX: She is a nurse. NOT She is nurse. He is a doctor. NOT He is doctor.

Put A,AN or SOME in the blanks if needed. If not needed, leave it blank.

1. I have seen \_\_\_\_\_ good films lately.
2. Have you got \_\_\_\_\_ headache?
3. When I was \_\_\_\_\_ child, I loved candy.
4. Would you like to be \_\_\_\_\_ actor?
5. Do you collect \_\_\_\_\_ stamps?
6. Do you enjoy going to \_\_\_\_\_ concerts.
7. Babies need \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
8. What \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful garden you have!
9. I will buy \_\_\_\_\_ new shoes for the wedding.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ birds, like penguins, can't fly.

VOCABULARY AND IDIOMS: Read these conversations and answer the questions.

**Dan:** I came here on my lunch hour to renew my driver's license. But I've been waiting in line for thirty minutes. I can't stay here all day. I have to get back to work.

**Clerk:** Take it easy. Someone will help you soon.

1. Where do you think Dan is?
2. What is Dan trying to do?
3. Why is Dan frustrated?
4. Why does Dan have to leave soon?
5. When the clerk says, "Take it easy," he means Dan should:
  - a) get mad and yell at someone
  - b) calm down and quit worrying.
  - c) go back to work now.

**Sara:** I can't remember what the teacher said. I listen to her, but when I get home I have forgotten what she said.

**Pam:** You should take notes.

1. What is Sara's problem?
2. When Pam says, "You should take notes," she means Sara should:
  - a-stop going to class
  - b-borrow someone's notes
  - c-write down what the teacher says

**Susie:** I like Jeff. But he only speaks to me when he needs me to do something for him.

**Jane:** Jeff is taking advantage of you. You shouldn't help him.

1. What is Susie's complaint about Jeff?
2. What does Jane mean when she says Jeff is taking advantage of you.

**Dani:** Wow. Take a peep at these pictures of Hawaii.

**Jan:** Oh, they are beautiful photos. Who took these?

1. When Dani says, "take a peep", what does she mean?

**Shari:** I don't always go to my geology class because the teacher doesn't take attendance. She doesn't know whether I come to class or not. So I won't get in trouble for skipping class.

**Patti:** If you don't go, you don't learn anything. How will you know the answers for the test?

1. Does the teacher call the names of all the students so she knows who is in class?
2. What is Shari doing?
3. What does Patti think of Shari's behavior?
4. Did you ever skip class in school?
5. Did your professors always take attendance?

**Michele:** The nurse came in and took my pulse. She said my heart rate was nice and slow.

**Renata:** You have a slow heart rate because you are in such good shape. You run several miles a day, don't you?

1. What did the nurse take?
2. What did the nurse say about Michele's heart rate?
3. Why does Renata think Michele has a slow heart rate?
4. What is something you do to keep in shape?

**Lindsay:** I heard your mother was in the hospital. How is she doing?

**Traci:** She took a turn for the worse last night. I'm really worried about her.

1. What happened to Traci's mother?
2. Is her mother getting better or worse?
3. How does Traci feel about her mother?

**Shannon:** John, you're bleeding. What happened?

**John:** The stairs were wet and slippery. I took a spill and hit my head.

**Shannon:** Come inside. Let me put a bandage on your head.

**John:** It's nothing. It's a small cut. I'll be fine.

1. Why is John bleeding?
2. What does Shannon want John to do?
3. Does John agree with Shannon's plan?

### **Practice Speaking:**

1-Do you like to ride roller coasters and other rides at an amusement park? Do rides scare you?

2-Do you ever go to carnivals or fairs? Sometimes carnivals and fairs have really unusual food like fried ice cream or chicken on a stick. Have you ever tried carnival food? What is the strangest carnival food you have eaten? My favorite carnival food is a corn dog. What is yours?

3-What are some differences in the apartments you rent in your country and the apartments here?