

Actividad:

# COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

## OBJETIVOS

- Distinguish countable nouns from the uncountable ones. This will be useful for other lessons

## DURACIÓN

Entre 40 y 50 minutos aproximadamente

## EDAD ADECUADA

Actividad orientada para niñ@s a partir de 6 años

## MATERIAL

- You can either print this worksheet or do the exercises in another sheet aside

## THEORY

### COUNTABLE NOUNS – Those nouns that can be counted

(Aquellos que se pueden contar de uno en uno con los números)

- Countable nouns have a singular and a plural form

*Egg → eggs*

*Pencil → pencils*

*Dress → dresses*

- You can use 'a' or 'an' with countable nouns in singular

*An apple, an egg, an ice-cream, an opinion, an ultimatum, ...*

*A house, a mouse ...*

- Numbers can be used in front of countable nouns

*3 oranges*

*5 hours*

### UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS – Those nouns that cannot be counted

We can delimit these nouns by placing a countable expression in front of the noun

*A gram of salt, a piece of wood, two cups of tea, etc*

- Countable nouns DON'T have a plural form

*Rice → rices*

*Milk → milks*

- You CAN'T use 'a' or 'an' with countable nouns in singular

~~a milk~~

~~a rice~~

But sometimes we can use: **some/any** (algo de / nada de)

*I can give you some advice. / Te puedo dar algunos consejos*

- Numbers can be used in front of countable nouns

*3 milks*

If we want to express the exact amount of something that is uncountable:

Si se quiere expresar cantidad concreta de un nombre incontable:

We will use a countable expression

A bag of (una bolsa / un paquete de)		
Flour / arroz	Pasta / pasta	Rice / arroz
A slice/loaf of (una rebanada de / una rodaja / loncha de)		
Bread / pan	Meat / carne	Cheese / queso
A carton of (un cartón de)		
Milk / leche	Juice / zumo	Ice-cream / helado
A jar of (un tarro/ una jarra / un frasco de)		
Jam / mermelada	Honey / miel	Tomato sauce / salsa de tomate
A can of (una lata/ un bote de)		
Tuna / atún	Sweet corn/ maíz	Coke / coca cola
A drop of (una gota de)		
Water / agua	Wine / vino	Oil / aceite

<b>A tube of (un tubo de)</b>		
Toothpaste / pasta de dientes	Glue / pegamento	Shampoo / champú
<b>A bit of / A piece of (un /una)</b>		
Advice / consejo	Information / información	News / noticias
<b>A pinch of ( un pellizco / una pizca de)</b>		
Salt / sal	Sugar / azúcar	Pepper / pimienta
<b>A roll of ( un rollo de )</b>		
Toilet paper Papel higiénico	Tape cinta	Cling film Film transparente



## EXERCISES

### 1) Are these nouns countables or uncountables?

1. Tomato
2. Wine
3. Bread
4. Newspaper
5. Bottle of wine
6. Information
7. Loaf of bread
8. Sugar
9. Watermelon
10. Honey
11. Mustard
12. Furniture
13. Umbrella
14. Seafood
15. Tube of toothpaste
16. Jar of jam
17. Golf
18. Hair
19. Parrot
20. Rain

### 2) Choose the right answer

1. We need some \_\_\_\_\_ to sit on.
  - a) Chair
  - b) chairs
2. How much \_\_\_\_\_ do you have in your wallet?
  - a) Money
  - b) moneis
3. I'm going to buy \_\_\_\_\_ for the party.
  - a) Juice
  - b) juices
4. Can I have some more \_\_\_\_\_, please?
  - a) meats
  - b) meat
5. There are too many \_\_\_\_\_ in this soup
  - a) Potato
  - b) Potatoes

### 3) Translate:

1. Necesitamos un poco de leche.  
We need some \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Quiero dos manzanas, por favor.  
I want \_\_\_\_\_, please.
3. Sí mamá, estos deberes son muy difíciles.  
Yes mum, this \_\_\_\_\_ is very difficult.
4. ¡Me encantan los muebles de tu salón!  
I love the \_\_\_\_\_ in your living room!
5. ¡Qué buena noticia!  
That's great \_\_\_\_\_!
6. ¿De quién son estos dos bolígrafos?  
Whose are these \_\_\_\_\_?
7. ¡Mira! Nueve personas están esperando el autobús.  
Look! Nine \_\_\_\_\_ are waiting for the bus.
8. Los padres de Peter tienen tres coches.  
Peter's parents have \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4) Complete the sentences:

1. How many \_\_\_\_\_ rice do you need?
2. I'll give you a \_\_\_\_\_ advice; end the relationship immediately.
3. Don't forget to take a toothbrush and a \_\_\_\_\_ toothpaste.
4. Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ honey that was in the cupboard?
5. I've already put a \_\_\_\_\_ salt on the salad.
6. I'll take a \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen paper.
7. I'll have some \_\_\_\_\_ mango with cream.
8. I've got a \_\_\_\_\_ news to tell you!
9. We could open a \_\_\_\_\_ soup.
10. We need a pair of scissors, some paper and a \_\_\_\_\_ glue.

## SOLUTIONS

### 1) Are these nouns countables or uncountables?

1. Countable
2. Uncountable
3. Uncountable
4. Countable
5. Countable
6. Uncountable
7. Countable
8. Uncountable
9. Countable
10. Uncountable
11. Uncountable
12. Uncountable
13. Countable
14. Uncountable
15. Countable
16. Countable
17. Uncountable
18. Uncountable
19. Countable
20. Uncountable

### 2) Choose the right answer

1. Chairs
2. Money
3. Juice
4. Meat
5. Potatoes

### 3) Translate:

1. We need some milk.
2. I want two apples, please
3. Yes mum, this homework is very difficult.
4. I love the furniture in your living room!
5. That's great news!
6. Whose are these two pens?
7. Look! Nine people are waiting for the bus.
8. Peter's parents have three cars.

#### 4) Complete the sentences:

1. How many bags of rice do you need?
2. I'll give you a bit of advice; end the relationship immediately.
3. Don't forget to take a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste.
4. Where is the jar of honey that was in the cupboard?
5. I've already put a pinch of salt on the salad.
6. I'll take a roll of kitchen paper.
7. I'll have some slices of mango with cream.
8. I've got a bit of news to tell you!
9. We could open a can of soup.
10. We need a pair of scissors, some paper and a tube of glue.