

What do the following words mean? Could you translate these nouns into Serbian?

1. *Dog, tree, shop, boy, finger, chair, computer, pencil*
2. *Coffee, sugar, tea, ice, freedom, peace, sand, traffic*

Compare these two lists of nouns. What is the main difference between these two groups of nouns? Can you count these things?

1. The first list of words contains COUNTABLE nouns.
2. The second list of words contains UNCOUNTABLE nouns.

So, nouns in English can be divided into: countable and uncountable. What are the basic differences between them?

COUNTABLE nouns can be counted! Brojive imenice mogu da se prebroje. Look at these pictures.



- There are two boys in the picture number 1.
- There are nine pencils in the picture number 2.
- There are two dogs in the picture number 3.
- There are two trees in the picture number 4.

UNCOUNTABLE nouns cannot be counted! Nebrojive imenice ne mogu da se prebroje. Can you count the things in these pictures? - Not really.



Uncountable nouns are often:

- **abstract ideas** (advice, love, freedom, luck, bravery, music, beauty, help, education, information)
- **weather words** (weather, thunder, lightning, rain, snow, hail, dew)
- **made of smaller parts** (rice, sugar, salt, sand, flour, dirt, dust, traffic, grass, spaghetti, makeup),
- **some food** (bread, fish, cheese, chocolate, meat, bacon, food, ham),
- **liquids and gases** (water, milk, wine, oil, coffee, rain, soup, air, smoke, blood, juice, fog),
- **materials** (wood, glass, paper, gold, silver, ice, steel), **types of fabrics** (cotton, silk, wool, leather, satin, velvet, denim)

PLURAL FORMS - Oblici imenica u množini

Countable nouns have plural forms. We add –S or -ES to the end to make singular nouns plural.

- There is a dog in the park. Have you got **a** dog? *With singular countable nouns - use indefinite articles a/an.
- There are two dogs in the park. *With plural countable nouns – use –S/-ES ending.

Uncountable nouns do not have plural forms! Do not use indefinite articles or numbers with uncountable nouns!



- He doesn't like **coffee**. / I would like **one cup of coffee**, please.
- / Two cups of coffee...

Ако чујете негде да кажу I would like **a coffee, а знате да небројива именица кафа не иде уз неодређени члан, то је зато што се мисли на шољу кафе, **a cup of coffee**, само скраћено.*

Ако знате да небројиве именице немају множину, како онда да искажете квантитет? Одговор је – служимо се другим именицама, попут шоље - **cup. Једна таква именица је и **piece** што би значило комад, парче, (немојте помешати са речју реасе што значи мир), затим табла чоколаде, коцкице шећера итд.*

- I use **makeup** all the time just because I like it. / What are your favorite **pieces of makeup**?
- I hate **homework**. / For the Christmas holidays the children have **two pieces of homework**.
- I'm looking for **advice** on how to learn English. / I'll give you **tree pieces of advice**.
- This book contains **information** about that subject. / That's **an interesting piece of information**.
- I know you like chocolate so I bought you **a bar of chocolate / two bars of chocolate**.
- Do you take **sugar** with your coffee? How many **lumps of sugar** do you want?

QUESTION WORDS

With **countable nouns**, we use – **HOW MANY? (koliko)** – for questions, or – **TOO MANY (previše)**.

With **uncountable nouns**, we use – **HOW MUCH? (koliko)** – for questions, or – **TOO MUCH (previše)**.

1. Q: How many pencils are there in your bag?
- I have got too many pencils.
2. Q: How much coffee is safe to drink on a daily basis?
3. As with most things, too much coffee is bad for your health.
4. You are not allowed to wear too much makeup in school!