

COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Countable nouns (brojive imenice) have a singular and plural form (imaju i jedninu i množinu!)

We can count them – možemo da ih izbrojimo, brojive su i da koristimo glagole za jedninu i množinu.

- A **tree** – two trees (dva drveta) This tree **is** old.
- A **book** – three books (tri knjige) The books **are** old. Do you want to buy some books?
- There are some great **shops**. Shop – shops
- Look at some computer **games**. Game – games
- Buy a birthday **card**. Card – cards
- Have a **drink**. Drink - drinks
- Hand out with your **friends**.
- Shopping **malls** are popular. Mall – malls
- There are some **plants**. Plant – plants
- There are some department **stores** and **cinemas**.

Uncountable nouns (nebrojive imenice) have only one form – no plural! (imaju samo jedan oblik u jednini, **nemaju množinu!**)

We always use a singular verb (glagol za jedninu). We cannot use articles (a, an) or a number before them! (ne koristimo članove ni brojeve ispred nebrojivih imenica). Uncountable nouns are often:

- **Abstract ideas:** love, freedom, education, luck, help, beauty, music, thunder...
- **Made of smaller parts:** sugar, rice, salt, sand, flour, dirt, dust, traffic, grass, spaghetti
- **Some food (cut into small parts):** bread, fish, cheese, chocolate, meat, bacon, food, ham...
- **Liquids /gases:** water, milk, wine, oil, coffee, rain, soup, shampoo, air, smoke, blood, juice, fog...
- **Materials:** wood, glass, paper, gold, silver, ice, iron, cotton, wool, steel
- **Uncountable in English:** furniture, advice, work, news, information, luggage, money, homework (*plural: pieces of advice, pieces of furniture, pieces of information, how much money?...*)

Uncountable nouns, examples:

- **Sugar** is sweet. Is **rice** healthy?
- He doesn't eat **bread**.
- There isn't any **traffic**.
- I have one more **piece of homework** to do. (*one essay or exercise that you have to do*)

Articles: A, AN / Quantifiers: SOME/ANY

Singular countable nouns: use **a/an**: **Brojive imenice** u **jednini** – koristimo neodređene članove

- There is **a bottle** on the table. There is **an apple** on the table.
- I want **a new computer**.
- I haven't got **a pen**. (član A jer je jednina brojive imenice. Da je množina pisalo bi: I haven't got **any pens**.)
- You can buy **a birthday card**.
- Have you got **a DVD player**? (član A jer je jednina brojive imenice. Da je množina imenice, stajalo bi u pitanju: Have you got **any DVD players**?)
- They've got **a new computer game** in the shop!

Plural countable nouns and **uncountable** nouns (use some/any): Za **brojive imenice u množini** i za **nebrojive imenice**:

Affirmative – use **SOME**: Koristimo SOME kod potvrdnih rečenica:

- There is **some cheese** in the fridge. (some + uncountable nouns)
- There are **some great shops**. (some + plural countable noun)
- There are **some delicious sweets** in this shop. (some + plural countable noun)
- She has got **some designer T-shirts**. (some + plural countable noun)
- I have got **some magazines**. (some + plural countable noun)
- There are **some great new CDs** this week. (some + plural countable nouns)
- There is **some great music** on this CD. (some + uncountable noun)
- It is **some good news**. I have **some news** to tell you. (some + uncountable noun)

Negative – use **ANY**: Koristimo ANY kod negativnih rečenica:

- There isn't **any cheese** in the fridge. (any + uncountable noun)
- There isn't **any traffic**. (any + uncountable)

- There aren't **any oranges** at the greengrocer's today. (any + plural countable noun)
- There isn't **any sugar** in my coffee. (any + uncountable noun)
- There aren't **any parks**. (any + plural countable noun)

Questions – use **ANY**: Koristimo ANY kod upitnih rečenica:

- Is there **any cheese** in the fridge? (any + uncountable noun)
- Is there **any water** in that bottle? (any + uncountable noun)
- Have you got **any shampoo**? (any + uncountable noun)
- Are there **any cafes** in this shopping mall? (any + plural countable noun)
- Are there **any sweets** in your shopping basket? – Yes, there are. (any + plural countable noun)

An increase in traffic is a small price to pay for the convenience of a new shopping mall in our neighbourhood. 😊

Da sumiramo:

Kod BROJIVIH imenica (countable) koristimo

- članove a/an, kad su imenice u jednini (an apple)
- brojeve (three books)
- koristimo SOME (**pozitivne** rečenice, samo uz **množinu brojive** imenice)
- koristimo ANY (**negativne** i upitne rečenice, samo uz **množinu brojive** imenice)

Kod NEBROJIVIH (uncountable) imenica –nemaju oblik u množini!

- ne koristimo članove ni brojeve (sugar)
- Koristimo SOME (**pozitivne** rečenice – We have some good news.)
- Koristimo ANY (**negativne** i upitne rečenice – We do not have any shampoo.)

Questions

- *Offer: Would you like **some cookies**? Would you like **a cup of coffee**?*
- *Ask for: Can I have **some sweets**?*
- *Suggest: Why don't we have **some chocolate milk**?*

For homework, finish the exercise on page 25.