

The Noun

There are countable and uncountable nouns.

- **Countable**

a chair

a question

an engineer

a bus

- **Uncountable**

water

milk

freedom

friendship

The countable noun is used in the form of the singular and the plural.

The uncountable nouns is used only in the form of singular.

- Most nouns take **-s** to form their plural.

doctor → *doctors*, *car* → *cars*

- Nouns ending in **-s**, **-ss** or **-x** take **-es** to form their plural.

bus → *buses*, *glass* → *glasses*, *box* → *boxes*

Some nouns form
the plural by
changing the root
vowel.

Irregular Plurals

Singular

Plural

man

men

woman

women

child

children

person

people

foot

feet

tooth

teeth

mouse

mice

The plural of the
nouns **sheep,**
deer, swine and
fish is identical
with the singular.

Some nouns borrowed from Latin and Greek keep the plural form of the language from which they have been borrowed.

A phenomenon
[finominen]-phenomena [finimine]

явление

a crisis [kraisiz]-crises[kraisiz]

a radius [reidjes]-radii [reidiai]

If the singular ends in – th [θ] preceded by a long vowel or a diphthong, in the plural the final [θ] is changed into [ð] after which the ending –s is pronounced [z].

A path [pa:θ]- paths [pa:ðz]

- Nouns ending in a **vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural.
boy → *boys*, *toy* → *toys*

- Nouns ending in a **consonant + y** drop the **-y** and take **-ies**.

country → *countries*, *cherry* → *cherries*

- Most nouns take **-s** to form their plural. *clock - clocks*
- Nouns ending in **-ss, -ch, -x, -sh** take **-es**. *glass - glasses, torch - torches, box - boxes, brush - brushes*
- Some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** to form their plural. *leaf - leaves, knife - knives*

Some nouns ending in – o
take –**es**.

f.e *Tomato- tomatoes*

But:

*radio-radios, piano- pianos,
photo- photos, video- videos.*

Repeat the rule!

Countable - Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns are nouns which we **can count**. They have singular and plural forms.
one orange - two oranges - three oranges - etc
- Uncountable nouns are nouns which we **cannot count**.
- Uncountable nouns have only singular forms. These nouns include:
food: cheese, butter, salt, pepper, bread, spaghetti, etc
liquid: coffee, milk, water, tea, lemonade, etc

We can use the following nouns in front of some uncountable nouns to show quantity:

a bottle → a bottle of lemonade

a glass → a glass of water

a carton → a carton of milk

a cup → a cup of coffee

a bowl → a bowl of soup

a packet → a packet of spaghetti

a slice → a slice of bread

a loaf → a loaf of bread

a kilo → a kilo of cheese

	COUNTABLE NOUNS		UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS
	SINGULAR	PLURAL	
Affirmative	There is an apple.	There are some girls.	There is some bread.
Negative	There isn't an apple.	There aren't any girls.	There isn't any bread.
Interrogative	Is there an apple?	Are there any girls?	Is there any bread?

Plurals

- **Spelling Rules**
- To form plural nouns we usually add **-s** to the noun.
 - *one pen - two pens*
- Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -ch, -x** or **-o** take **-es** in the plural.
 - *bus - buses, glass - glasses, brush - brushes, watch - watches, fox - foxes, tomato - tomatoes*
- However, some nouns ending in **-o** take only **-s** .
 - *radio - radios, piano - pianos, studio - studios , video - videos kilo - kilos*
- Nouns ending in **a vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural.
 - *boy - boys*
- Nouns ending in **a consonant + y** drop the **-y** and take **-ies** in the plural.
 - *party - parties , baby - babies*
- Most nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe**, drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** in the plural.
 - *knife - knives , wolf - wolves*
- However, some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** take only **-s**.
 - *roof - roofs, cliff - cliffs, giraffe - giraffes*

Irregular Plurals

Some nouns do not form their plural according to the about rules.

They either have a different form or the same form as in the singular.

These are:

Singular	Plural
child man women foot tooth goose mouse sheep ox deer	children men women feet teeth geese mice sheep Oxen deer

Countable / Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns are nouns which we **can count**. They have **singular** and **plural forms**.
- *One egg, two eggs, three eggs*

- Uncountable nouns are nouns which we **cannot count**. Uncountable nouns have **only**
- **singular forms**. These nouns include:
- **Food**: cheese, butter, salt, pepper, bread, spaghetti, etc
- **Liquid**: coffee, milk, water, tea, lemonade, etc

- We can use the following nouns before uncountable nouns to show quantity:

a bottle → a bottle of coke	a packet → a packet of spaghetti
a glass → a glass of water	a slice → a slice of cheese
a carton → a carton of milk	a loaf → a loaf of bread
a cup → a cup of coffee	a kilo → a kilo of sugar
a bowl → a bowl of rice	a bar → a bar of chocolate