

Common Nouns: Countable & uncountable; singular & plural.

Name _____ form _____ date _____

Countable nouns			Uncountable nouns		
form	singular	plural	substances	abstract	also some other
regular	<i>fox, bed, wolf</i>	<i>foxes, beds,</i>	<i>air, paper, food, fish, gold, money</i>	<i>information, fun, knowledge, news, homework,</i>	<i>hair, equipment, weather, research,</i>
irregular	<i>man, child</i>	<i>men, children</i>			
Greek / Latin	<i>locus, crisis</i>	<i>loci, crises</i>			

Exercise 1.

a) Put the nouns below into 2 groups: countable and uncountable nouns.

Work, industry, production, army, arm, goose, conversation, weather, money, hair, price, advice.

Singular and plural nouns

Singular nouns	Plural nouns
1) collective nouns (considered as a whole) <i>congress, organization, family, army, public</i>	collective and pair nouns <i>goods, clothes, stairs; pants, spectacles</i>
2) nouns ending in -s (subjects, activities) <i>billiards, economics, athletics, physics</i>	nouns without -s <i>police, people, youth (young people), cattle</i>
3) nouns with _____ singular form = plural form <i>means, series, species, crossroads, headquarters</i>	

b) Add -s only to the nouns that cannot be used without it.

Aerobic, billiard, cloth, good, headquarter, missile, mean, outskirt, pyjama, politic, saving, serie, surrounding, setting, thank, taxi, synthesi, greeting.

c) Give the plural form of the following nouns.

Medium, focus, spectrum, fistula, criterion, radius, datum, cactus, millennium, basis, memorandum, thesis, nucleus, symposium, gladiolus, maximum, axis.

Exercise 2.

Fill in the blanks with a (an) or some.

- There is _____ paperwork to do.
- I've got _____ idea.
- I'm going on _____ journey, will you join me?
- While in Britain I did _____ socio-cultural research. That was really _____ experience.
- I've got _____ business to do with your company.
- "What will you order?" " _____ beer and _____ smoked fish for me and _____ soda water and _____ ice for my friend."

**Medium -mediums...
mediums .../....?**



Exercise 3

a) Find the appropriate containers for the following and match.

1. juice, 2. meat, 3. chocolate, 4. potatoes, 5. jam, 6. coffee, 7. milk, 8. shampoo, 9. gin, 10. cards.



A box, a bag, a bottle, a can, a carton, a glass, a jar, a pack, a packet, a tube.

b) Make up word combinations which can be used in plural if necessary.

Information, equipment, luck, music, speech, soap, bread, lemon, cabbage, furniture, paper, ground.

A bar, a bit, an item, a fragment, a head, a loaf, a part, a patch, a piece, a sheet, a slice, a stroke.

Exercise 4

Choose the correct form of the verb in the following sentences.

1. The crowd in the hall (is / are) waiting for the actor's arrival.
2. A flock of birds (have / has) shown above the water.
3. The police (know / knows) the truth.
4. Gymnastics (is / are) his favourite subject.
5. Kate's hair (is / are) cut short.
6. Our group often (stay / stays) at school after the lessons.
7. Your spectacles (is / are) on the table.
8. Billiards (was / were) always played in this club.
9. Furniture (has / have) become very expensive.
10. Some new means of transport (was / were) demonstrated at the exhibition.
11. Your uncle's money (has / have) been spent on education.

The Keys:

Ex. 1 a) countable: arm, army, conversation, goose, industry, price;
uncountable: advice, hair, money, production, weather, work.

b) All the nouns except *cloth, missile, setting, taxi, greeting* need -s.

c) Media, foci, spectra, fistulae, criteria, radii, data, cacti, millennia, bases, memoranda, theses, nuclei, symposia, gladioli, maximum, axes.

Ex. 2 1 - some; 2 - an; 3 - a; 4 - some, an; 5 - some; 6 - a, some, a, an.

Ex. 3 a) A box of chocolate, a bag of potatoes, a bottle of gin, a can of meat, a carton of milk, a glass of juice, a jar of jam, a pack of cards, a packet of coffee, a tube of shampoo.

b) A bar of soap, a bit of information, an item of furniture, a fragment of music, a head of cabbage, a loaf of bread, a part of speech, a patch of ground, a piece of equipment, a sheet of paper, a slice of lemon, a stroke of luck.

Ex. 4: 1 - is; 2 - has; 3 - know; 4 - is; 5 - is; 6 - stays; 7 - are; 8 - was; 9 - has; 10 - were; 11 - has.

Использованная литература:

1. Ю.Б. Кузьменкова «Tests, Texts and Topics for your English Exams», Титул 2000

2. картинки из Яндексa.

Additional material for teachers.

Plural of nouns.

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I. -es	II. -s	III. -s \ -es
tomato <u>es</u> potato <u>es</u> mosquito <u>es</u> Negro <u>es</u> hero <u>es</u> echo <u>es</u>	radio <u>s</u> studio <u>s</u> piano <u>s</u> stereo <u>s</u> photo <u>s</u> cockato <u>o</u> kilo <u>s</u> kangaroo <u>s</u> video <u>s</u> zoo <u>s</u> disc <u>o</u>	dodo <u>(e)s</u> dingo <u>(e)s</u> buffalo <u>(e)s</u> zero <u>(e)s</u> volcano <u>(e)s</u>

-f, -fe

I. -ves	II. -fs
wife - w <u>ives</u> leaf - lea <u>ves</u> knife - kn <u>ives</u> thief - thie <u>ves</u> life - <u>lives</u> half - hal <u>ves</u>	roof - roof <u>s</u> chief - chief <u>s</u> handkerchie <u>fs</u> cliff - cliff <u>s</u> belief - belie <u>fs</u> safe - saf <u>es</u>

-y

I. -ies	II. -s	in proper names
fly- <u>flies</u> army - arm <u>ies</u> lady - lad <u>ies</u>	day - day <u>s</u> boy - boy <u>s</u> play- <u>plays</u> toy- toy <u>s</u> key- key <u>s</u>	Mary - Mary <u>s</u>

Irregular nouns.

man - men woman - women foot - feet
tooth - teeth goose - geese mouse - mice
louse - lice ox - oxen child - children

!!! Unchanging forms.

deer, sheep, swine, fish, trout, dozen, score, aircraft, salmon (лосось, сёмра), spacecraft, means, species, series.

Latin and Greek borrowings.

phenomenon - phenomena	nuclei - nucleus	basis - bases
datum - data	addendum - addenda	
crisis - crises	erratum - errata	
memorandum - memoranda	analysis - analyses	criterion - criteria
stimulus - stimuli	series -	
formula, - formulae	cactus - cacti	
index - indices	antenna. - antennae.	

Compound nouns.

editors-in-chief	brothers-in-law	lookers-on
lady-birds	hotel-keepers	housewives
men-servants	women-doctors	postmen
forget-me-nots	merry-go-rounds	men-of-war
grown-ups		

Noun and Verb Agreement
IS **ARE**

News	Opera – glasses
Information	Politics
Advice	Clothes
Progress	Goods
Knowledge	Trousers
Money	pants
Hair	shorts
Fruit	trunks
Physics	pyjamas -
Mathematics	drawers
Statistics	braces
Furniture	riches
Accommodation	police
Behavior	contents
Damage	cattle
Traffic	surroundings
Luggage	billiards, cards, dominoes, draughts
Baggage	crops
Weather	staff
à chaos	belongings
Scenery	pliers
Work	wages
Gossip	proceeds (proceedings)
Spaghetti	scales
Measles	mumps
Mail, post	shingles
Seed	Earnings
Travel	Arms
Trouble	Scissors
Funeral	Spectacles, glasses
Crossroads	Sneakers
Countryside	Stairs
jewellery	tongs
machinery	pincers
gallows –	fetters
summons –	contents -
	dregs
	oats
	thanks
	credentials
	soap-suds
	troops -
	whereabouts -
	bowels
	savings -
	goings on
	winnings
	home-comings
	hangings
	premises
luck	vocation