Common Nouns: Countable & uncountable; singular & plural.

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Countable nouns			Uncountable no	uns	
form	singular	plural	substances	abstract	also some other
regular	fox, bed, wolf	foxes, beds,	air, paper,	information, fun,	hair, equipment,
irregular	man, child	men, children	food, fish,	knowledge,	weather,
Greek / Latin	locus, crisis	loci, crises	gold, money	news, homework,	research,

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)	collective and pair nouns	
congress, organization, family, army, public	goods, clothes, stairs; pants, spectacles	
2) nouns ending in -s (subjects, activities)	nouns without -s	
billiards, economics, athletics, physics	police, people, youth (young people), cattle	
3) nouns with singular form = plural form		
means, series, species, crossroads, headquarters		

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.

1. There is _____ paperwork to do.

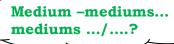
2. I've got _____ idea.

3. I'm going on journey, will you join me?

4. While in Britain I did _____socio-cultural research. That was really _____experience.

5. I've got ______ business to do with your company.

6. "What will you order?" "_____beer and ____smoked fish for me and _____ soda water and _____ ice for my friend."





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.
- $6. \ \mbox{Our group often}$ (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 Яндекса.

Additional material for teachers,

Plural of nouns.

- <u>o</u>

Ies	IIs		IIIs\ -es
tomato es	radio s	studio <u>s</u>	dodo (e)s
potato es	piano s _	stereo <u>s</u>	dingo <u>(e)s</u>
mosquito <u>es</u>	photo s	cockatoo <u>s</u>	buffalo <u>(e)s</u>
Negro es	kilo s	kangaroo s	zero (e)s
hero es	video s	z00 s	volcano(e)s
echo es	disco s		
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IIfs	
roof - roofs	
chief - chiefs	
handkerchiefs	
cliff - cliffs	
belief - beliefs	
safe - safes	

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Iies	IIs	in proper names
fly-fl ies army - arm ies lady - lad ies	day - days boy - boys play-plays toy- toys key- keys	Mary - Marys

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, сёмга), 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

series -

formula, - formulae cactus - cacti

stimulus - stimuli

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

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