



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 67 – a bottle / some water
(countable / uncountable 1)



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A noun can be *countable* or *uncountable*.

Countable nouns

For example: (a) **car** (a) **man** (a) **bottle** (a) **house** (a) **key** (an) **idea** (an) **accident**

You can use **one/two/three** (etc.) + *countable nouns* (you can count them):



one **bottle**



two **bottles**



three **men**



four **houses**

Countable nouns can be *singular* (= one) or *plural* (= two or more):

singular
plural

a car	the car	my car etc.		
cars	two cars	the cars	some cars	many cars etc.

You can't use the singular (car/bottle/key etc.) alone. You need **a/an**:

- EX1: I've got **a car**.
- EX2: New **cars** are very expensive.
- EX3: There aren't **many cars** in the car park.

- EX4: We can't get into the house without **a key**.
(not without key)

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Uncountable nouns

For example: water air rice salt plastic money music tennis



water



salt



money



music

You can't say **one/two/three** (etc.) + these things: ~~one water~~ ~~two musics~~

Uncountable nouns have only one form:

Money the **money** my **money** some **money** much **money** etc.

- EX4: I've got **some money**.
- EX5: There isn't **much money** in the box.
- EX6: **Money** isn't everything.

You can't use **a/an** + *uncountable nouns*: ~~a money~~ ~~a music~~ ~~a water~~

But you can say **a piece of ... / a bottle of ...** etc. + *uncountable noun*:

a **bottle of** water
a **piece of** cheese
a **bowl of** rice

a **carton of** milk
a **bottle of** perfume
a **cup of** coffee

a **bar of** chocolate
a **piece of** music
a **game of** tennis