

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Grammar Game: matching, pelmanism, gap-fill (group work)

Focus

Countable and uncountable nouns

Aim

To practice countable and uncountable nouns.

Preparation

Make one set of sentence cards and word cards for each group of three and cut as indicated.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a countable and uncountable nouns game to help students practice using countable and uncountable nouns in sentences.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of sentence cards and a set of word cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the two sets of cards separately and spread them out face-down on the table in two sets.

Students then take turns turning over one sentence card and one word card. Each word card contains a countable noun and an uncountable noun.

If the countable or uncountable noun completes the sentence, the student reads the sentence aloud using the correct noun only.

If the other group members agree that the noun matches the sentence, the student underlines the noun and keeps the pair of cards.

If the cards don't match, the student turns them back over, keeping them in the same place.

The game continues until all the cards have been matched.

Afterwards, check the answers as a class.

Students score themselves one point for each correctly underlined noun.

The student with the most points in each group wins.

Answer key

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| 1. dollar | 13. traffic |
| 2. fruit | 14. knife |
| 3. hat | 15. chair |
| 4. milk | 16. time |
| 5. work | 17. baby |
| 6. grass | 18. salt |
| 7. biscuit | 19. holiday |
| 8. towel | 20. water |
| 9. paper | 21. cloud |
| 10. song | 22. book |
| 11. hair | 23. suitcase |
| 12. sandwich | 24. person |



1. There is a on the table that you can use to pay for the milk.	13. There is always a lot of on the road near my house.
2. There wasn't any in the bowl, so I had a biscuit instead.	14. There is a on the kitchen table that you can use to make a sandwich.
3. Sam was wearing a new that he had bought in the shop.	15. There was only one in the room, so I sat on the floor.
4. There is in the fridge for the baby to drink when it wakes up.	16. I spent a lot of cleaning my room last weekend.
5. I have a lot of to do this weekend, so I won't have time to go out.	17. The was crying because it wanted its mother.
6. There is a lot of in our garden and many tall trees.	18. The soup tasted terrible because there was too much in it.
7. The children wanted something sweet, so I gave them a	19. My family and I had a good in Mexico last summer.
8. There is a in the bathroom that you can use when you have a shower.	20. There is a lot of in the river this summer.
9. I couldn't write down the number because I didn't have any	21. I didn't go outside because there was a big black in the sky.
10. There was a on the radio that I had never heard before.	22. In the library, I found a about cars to read.
11. Sara is tall and thin, and has beautiful black	23. When I go on holiday, I always carry my clothes in a big
12. I used the bread on the table to make myself a	24. I was the only in the office. Everyone else had gone home.



person / people

rain / cloud

water / fish

salt / vegetable

hour / time

luggage / suitcase

car / traffic

chair / furniture

eye / hair

travel / holiday

children / baby

music / song

grass / flowers

biscuit / chocolate

information / book

milk / bottle

towel / soap

pen / paper

work / job

toast / sandwich

bread / knife

money / dollar

apple / fruit

clothes / hat