

# COUNTABLE & UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

## COUNTABLE NOUNS

1 We can count them

1 2 3 ...

2 They can be **SING** or **PLURAL**

HOUSE - HOUSES

3 We can use **A/AN - NUMBERS**  
and **QUANTIFIERS**

A CAR - AN APPLE  
FOUR CARS  
SOME CARS  
A LOT OF CARS

I have an apple



There are three apples



She bought some carrots



Tom had a lot of books



## UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

1 We **cannot** count them



2 They can **only** be **SING**

WATER - ~~WATERS~~

3 We **only** use **QUANTIFIERS**

A SUGAR ✗  
FOUR SALTS ✗  
SOME SUGAR ✓  
A LOT OF SALT ✓

There is some salt



There isn't any sugar



He drinks a lot of water



I've got some money



## MORE ABOUT UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS....

### • Words that are uncountable include:

\*Food, drinks and liquids: *cheese, bread, pasta, coffee, milk, petrol, fuel, etc.*

\*Substances and materials: *iron, wood, metal, paper, plastic, etc.*

\*Some nouns that are countable in other languages: *advice, news, furniture, luggage, toast, etc.*

\*Some nouns can be countable and uncountable:

- Yesterday I had two coffees.

I love coffee.

- I found one hair in my soup.

She has beautiful hair.

Be careful with: **MONEY is Uncountable** **PEOPLE is Countable**