



Writing Centre

Count vs. Non-Count Nouns

Count nouns are nouns that are separate pieces and can be counted.

Examples: *chair, necklace, pancake, school, snowflake*

Non-count nouns are nouns that are more of a whole and cannot be counted.

Example: *furniture, jewellery, batter, education, weather, snow*



Count Nouns	Non-Count Nouns
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> uses articles- a, an or the <p><i>The cats are friendly.</i> <i>A glass is on the table.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not use a or an <p><i>The information is valuable.</i> (do not use an) <i>Furniture is needed for the home.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> takes singular or plural form- add -s <p><i>The books are on the table.</i> (books is plural) <i>The book is on the table.</i> (book is singular)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> do not add -s to make plural <p><i>The jewellery is on the table.</i> (not jewelleries) <i>Education is important.</i> (not educations)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the verb needs to agree with the noun and can be singular or plural <p><i>The pancakes are delicious.</i> <i>A monkey has a long tail.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the verb is always singular <p><i>Technology has many advantages.</i> <i>My friend's advice is very good.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the quantity terms are <i>many, several, few, each, every, any or one</i> <p><i>How many apples do you need?</i> <i>Are there any tomatoes in the fridge?</i> <i>Every person likes to be loved.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the quantity terms are <i>much, less, a little, little</i> <p><i>How much milk would you like?</i> <i>Is there less sugar in that coffee?</i> <i>A little knowledge goes a long way.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> these quantity terms can be used for both <i>some, any, most, more, all, a lot of, no, none of the</i> <p><i>There are some monkeys in the tree.</i> <i>There is some information in the book.</i> <i>Most books have information.</i></p>	

Most information is found in books.