

Classes of Nouns

Proper nouns:

names of :

- people;
- countries;
- cities;
- rivers;
- languages;
- places;
- buildings;
- schools;
- months;
- days of week.

Common nouns:

Countable nouns

have singular and plural forms

Ex.: a book - books;

a pen - pens

Uncountable nouns

have only one form

Ex: air, money, happiness

homework, knowledge

Nouns that have countable
and uncountable meanings:

Ex.: juice, light, interest, paper, glass

Uncountable nouns

Liquids: milk, coffee, tea, wine, water, juice, cream, beer, oil, soup, gasoline, shampoo, honey

Solids and semi-solids: bread, butter, cheese, ice, ice-cream, lettuce, toast, meat, beef, chicken, fish, ham, lamb, pork, chalk, copper, cotton, glass, gold, iron, paper, rubber, silver, soap, tin, toothpaste, wood, wool

Gases: air, fog, oxygen, pollution, smog, smoke, steam

Natural phenomena: weather, rain, snow, lightning, thunder, humidity, darkness, light, sunshine

Abstractions: anger, beauty, confidence, courage, education, enjoyment, entertainment, experience, fun, generosity, greed, happiness, hate, health, help, honesty, hospitality, ignorance, intelligence, justice, knowledge, laughter, love, luck, patience, peace, poverty, pride, progress, recreation, research, stupidity, time, violence, wealth

Whole groups made of individual parts: clothing, equipment, food, fruit, furniture, garbage, jewelry, machinery, mail, money, cash, change, postage, scenery, stuff, traffic, homework, housework, work, advice, information, news, , history, literature, music, poetry, grammar; slang, vocabulary, corn, dirt, dust, flour, grass, hair, pepper, rice, salt, sand, sugar, wheat.