

Nouns

A noun is a word for a person, place, or thing. (You might like to think of nouns as naming words.)⁽¹⁾

Qualsevol cosa que podem imaginar és representada per una paraula que li dona nom. Aquesta paraula que ho designa tot és anomenada nom.

Sometimes a noun will be the name for something we can touch (e.g., lion, cake, computer), and sometimes a noun will be the name for something we cannot touch (e.g., bravery, mile, joy).

Everything is represented by a word that lets us talk about it. This includes people (e.g., man, scientist), animals (e.g., dog, lizard), places (e.g., town, street), objects (e.g., vase, pencil), substances (e.g., copper, glass), qualities (e.g., heroism, sorrow), actions (e.g., swimming, dancing) and measures (e.g., inch, ounce).

Here are some more examples:

- soldier - Alan - cousin - Frenchman (< names for **people**)
- rat - zebra - lion - aardvark (< names for **animals**)
- house - London - factory - shelter (< names for **places**)
- table - frame - printer - chisel (< names for **objects**)
- lead - nitrogen - water - ice (< names for **substances**)
- kindness - beauty - bravery - wealth - faith (< names for **qualities**)
- rowing - cooking - barking - reading - listening (< names for **actions**)
- month - inch - day - pound - ounce (< names for **measures**)

Countable Vs. Uncountable Nouns ⁽²⁾

A non-countable noun (or mass noun as it's also known) is a noun without a plural form.

Non-countable nouns refer to things that cannot be counted. Look at these examples:

Non-countable Noun>	Attempt At Making It Plural
music	five musics
furniture	five furnitures
tennis	five tennises
mercury	five mercuries

Non-countable nouns are [singular](#).

Examples of Non-countable (Noncount) Nouns

Non-countable nouns usually fall into one of the following categories:

Category	Example
Concept	bravery, honesty, information, intelligence, patience
Activity	homework, playing, reading, sleeping
Food	bread, butter, cheese, fish, milk
Gas	air, helium, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, smoke
Liquid	coffee, petrol, water, wine, beer
Material	chalk, cloth, concrete, lumber, wood, metal
Item Category	clothing, furniture, luggage, mail, money, software
Natural Phenomenon	gravity, heat, humidity, rain, snow, sunshine, thunder
Particles	dust, flour, rice, salt, sugar

Making Non-countable Nouns Plural

There are two methods to pluralize a concept expressed by a non-countable noun:

Method 1: Precede it with a [\[countable noun\]](#) + "of". For example:

- five **loaves of** bread
(*Loaves* is the countable noun.)
- five **blocks of** cheese
(*blocks* is the countable noun.)

Method 2: Make the non-countable noun an adjective to a countable noun. For example:

- five bread **loaves**
- five cheese **bloccas**

Generally, non-countable nouns cannot be pluralized. However, some can be pluralized when talking about categories of that noun. This is most common with non-countable nouns in the food and liquid categories. For example:

- France is famous for its cheeses.
(Categories of cheese)
- There are many fine wines from Chile.
(Categories of wine)

1.- <http://www.grammar-monster.com/lessons/nouns.htm>

2.- http://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/non-countable_nouns.htm