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Countable

I eat a banana every day.
I like bananas.

Banana is a countable noun.

A countable noun can be singular (banana) or plural (bananas).

We can use numbers with countable nouns.
So we can say one banana, two bananas etc.

Examples of nouns usually countable:

Kate was singing a **song**.
There's a nice **beach** near here.
Do you have a ten-pound **note**?
It wasn't your fault. It was an **accident**.
There are no batteries in the radio.
We don't have enough cups.

Uncountable

I eat rice every day.
I like rice.

Rice is an uncountable noun.

An uncountable noun has only one form (rice). There is no plural.

We cannot use numbers with uncountable nouns.
We cannot say 'one rice', 'two rices' etc.

Examples of nouns usually uncountable:

Kate was listening to **music**.
There's sand in my **shoes**.
Do you have any **money**?
It wasn't your fault. It was bad **luck**.
There is no electricity in this house.
We don't have enough water.

<p>You can use a/an with singular countable nouns:</p> <p>a beach a student an umbrella You cannot use singular countable nouns alone (without a/the/my etc.):</p> <p>Do you want a banana? (not want banana)</p> <p>There's been an accident. (not There's been accident)</p> <p>You can use plural countable nouns alone: I like bananas. (= bananas in general) Accidents can be prevented.</p>	<p>We do not use a/an with uncountable nouns.</p> <p>We do not say 'a sand', 'a music', 'a rice'. But you can often use a ... of. For example:</p> <p>a bowl / a packet / a grain of rice You can use uncountable nouns alone (without the/my/some etc.):</p> <p>I eat rice every day. There's blood on your shirt. Can you hear music?</p>
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<p>You can use some and any with plural countable nouns:</p> <p>We sang some songs. Did you buy any apples?</p> <p>We use many and few with plural countable nouns:</p> <p>We didn't take many pictures. I have a few things to do.</p>	<p>You can use some and any with uncountable nouns:</p> <p>We listened to some music. Did you buy any apple juice?</p> <p>We use much and little with uncountable nouns:</p> <p>We didn't do much shopping. I have a little work to do.</p>
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Exercises:

Some of these sentences need **a/an**. Correct the sentences where necessary.

1. Joe goes everywhere by bike. He doesn't have car. He doesn't have **a** car.
2. Helen was listening to music when I arrived. OK
3. We went to very nice restaurant last weekend.
4. I brush my teeth with toothpaste.
5. I use toothbrush to brush my teeth.
6. Can you tell me if there's bank near here?
7. My brother works for insurance company.
8. I don't like violence.
9. When we were in Rome, we stayed in big hotel.
10. If you have problem, I'll try and help you.
11. I like your suggestion. It's interesting idea.
12. Can you smell paint?
13. I like volleyball. It's good game.
14. Lisa doesn't usually wear jewelry.
15. Jane was wearing beautiful necklace.
16. Does this city have airport?