

Nouns and Articles

Grammar Introduction

A Singular and Plural Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
-s	house tree	houses trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singular means 'one.' Plural means 'two or more.' • To make most nouns plural, add -s.
-es	beach brush glass fox	beaches brushes glasses foxes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: -ch, -sh, -s, -x • Plural form: Add -es.
-ies	family story	families stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: a consonant + -y • Plural form: Change y to i and add -es.
-ves	leaf knife	leaves knives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: -f or -fe • Plural form: Change f or fe to v and add -es.
Irregular	mouse sheep woman	mice sheep women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rules • More examples: child - children foot - feet man - men

Write the singular or plural form.

	Singular	Plural		Singular	Plural
1	cup	cups	9	mouse	
2	box		10	peach	
3	family		11	thief	
4	foot		12	movie	
5		men	13		butterflies
6		resses	14		sheep
7		leaves	15		rulers
8		cities	16		dishes



B Count and Non-Count Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
Count Noun	a family a leaf one mouse	three families five leaves seven mice	• Count nouns can be counted with numbers. They have singular and plural forms.
Non-Count Noun	homework meat paper	-	• Non-count nouns cannot be counted with numbers. They have singular forms only. • Do not use a or an with non-count nouns. • More examples: money, rain, rice, snow, water

► Choose and write. Use **a** or **an** with count nouns.

apple clock desk homework letter meat paper water

Count Noun				
Non-Count Noun				

C Articles: A/An and The

a	a bag a movie	a small igloo a new umbrella	• A and an mean 'one.' • Use a or an with singular nouns.
an	an igloo an umbrella	an old bag an exciting movie	• Put a before a consonant. • Put an before a vowel.
the	My mom is in the kitchen. Open the door, please. The Earth is round.		• Use the before nouns that are 'specific.' • Use the before nouns that are 'one and only.'

► Write **a**, **an**, or **the**. Write **Ø** if no article is needed.

- 1 Amy has _____ cap and _____ hat. _____ cap is blue. _____ hat is red.
- 2 There is _____ milk and _____ cheese. _____ milk is white. _____ cheese is yellow.
- 3 It is _____ nice day. _____ sky is blue. _____ sun is bright.
- 4 Where are you? I'm in _____ living room.

Grammar Practice

A Choose and write. Then write the plural form of the count noun.

✓ book bread brush child country homework life milk snow sugar

Count Noun		Non-Count Noun		
Singular	Plural			
1	book	books	6	
2			7	
3			8	
4			9	
5			10	

B Write **a**, **an**, or **the**. Write **Ø** if no article is needed.

1 A: There is _____ rabbit. Do you see it?

B: Yes! It's behind _____ rock.

2 A: Do you want _____ egg for breakfast?

B: No, thank you. I'll just have _____ glass of orange juice.

3 A: _____ weather is so gray today.

B: I know. Where is _____ sun?

4 A: Do you like _____ rain?

B: No, I don't. I like _____ snow.

5 A: Oh, it's raining. I don't have _____ umbrella.

B: Don't worry. I have _____ big umbrella.



Grammar in Context

A Circle and write about yourself.

1 I like / don't like foxes.

2 I like / don't like _____.

3 I like / don't like _____.

4 I like / don't like _____.

5 I like / don't like _____.

6 I like / don't like _____.



✓ foxes



mice



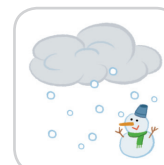
sheep



homework



rain



snow

B Choose and write.

Night Friends

Three _____ live in a barn.

_____ owl lives in a tree.

The mice don't sleep at night.

The _____ doesn't sleep at night.

The mice smell _____ and come out of the barn.

The owl sees _____ mice and swoops down.

The mice run back into the barn.

The owl flies back to the tree.

The _____ is shining in the sky.

an cheese mice
the moon owl

The Spiral Syllabus of My Next Grammar

My Next Grammar 1

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L1	Singular and Plural Nouns
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More on Verbs and Modal Verbs	
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L14	Modal Verbs
Adjectives and Adverbs	
L15	Adjectives
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Prepositions	
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My Next Grammar 2

Review and expansion of targets from Book 1	
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Nouns and Pronouns	
L1	Nouns and Articles
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Verbs and Modal Verbs	
L4	Present and Past: Be
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Prepositions	
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My Next Grammar 3

Review and expansion of targets from Book 1	
Review and expansion of targets from Book 2	
New targets from Book 3	
Nouns and Pronouns	
L1	Nouns and Articles
L2	Pronouns and Possessives
L3	Somebody/Anything/Nowhere
Verbs	
L4	Present Simple
L5	Present Continuous
L6	Past Simple
L7	Past Continuous
L8	Future
L9	Present Perfect
Modal Verbs and Sense Verbs	
L10	Modal Verbs 1
L11	Modal Verbs 2
L12	Sense Verbs
Comparisons and Conjunctions	
L13	Comparisons
L14	Conjunctions
Sentence Structures	
L15	The Passive
L16	Gerunds
L17	Infinitives 1
L18	Infinitives 2
L19	Causative Verbs
L20	Relative Clauses
L21	Tag Questions
L22	Direct and Indirect Speech