

Nouns and Articles

Grammar Introduction

A Singular and Plural Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
-s	doctor hospital	doctors hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singular means 'one.' Plural means 'two or more.' • To make most nouns plural, add -s.
-es	wish dress	wishes dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: -ch, -sh, -s, -x • Plural form: Add -es.
-s/-es	piano hero tomato zero	pianos heroes tomatoes zeros/zeroes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: -o • Plural form: Add -s or -es. • -s: photos, pianos, radios, videos, zoos • -es: heroes, potatoes, tomatoes • -s or -es: zeros/zeroes
-ies	butterfly city	butterflies cities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: a consonant + -y • Plural form: Change y to i and add -es.
-ves	wolf life	wolves lives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noun ending: -f or -fe • Plural form: Change f or fe to v and add -es.
Irregular	child deer person	children deer people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No rules

• Common irregular plural nouns:

foot - feet man - men mouse - mice sheep - sheep tooth - teeth woman - women

▶ Write the plural form.

1 glass _____

8 brush _____

2 knife _____

9 piano _____

3 person _____

10 story _____

4 potato _____

11 movie _____

5 country _____

12 shelf _____

6 marker _____

13 tooth _____

7 zoo _____

14 life _____



B Count and Non-Count Nouns

	Singular	Plural	
Count Noun	a dress a piano one wolf	six dresses three pianos nine wolves	• Count nouns can be counted with numbers. They have singular and plural forms.
Non-Count Noun	meat money soup	-	• Non-count nouns cannot be counted with numbers. They have singular forms only. • Do not use a or an with non-count nouns.

• Common non-count nouns:
bread, butter, cheese, glue, homework, juice, meat, milk, money, rain, rice, salt, snow, soup, sugar

► Circle the correct word(s).

- I see a man / men and three wolf / wolves .
- Do you want bread / breads and a butter / butter ?
- A mouse / mice likes a cheese / cheese .

C Articles: Indefinite, Definite, and No Articles

Indefinite Article	a	a face a green apple a story a large egg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A and an mean 'one.' • Use a or an with singular nouns. • Put a before a consonant. • Put an before a vowel.
	an	an apple an ugly face an egg an interesting story	
Definite Article	the	My dad is in the living room. Why is the sky blue?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the before nouns that are 'specific' or 'one and only.'
No Article	∅	He plays basketball . My favorite subject is math . She speaks Spanish .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use articles before sports, school subjects, and languages.

► Write **a**, **an**, **the**, or **∅**.

- There is _____ monster in the lake. _____ monster is huge and dangerous.
- Jake can play _____ soccer, but he can't play _____ baseball.
- Did you see _____ moon last night? It was very big and round.

Grammar Practice

A Choose and write. Change the word form if necessary.

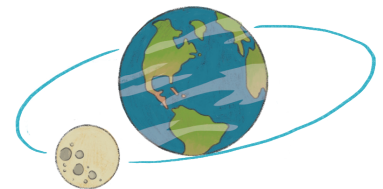
deer hero leaf meat piano sugar tooth wish

- 1 There are three _____ behind the trees. They're beautiful!
- 2 Some _____ change colors in the fall. They turn red, orange, or yellow.
- 3 My mom doesn't put milk or _____ in her coffee. She likes it black.
- 4 What are your Christmas _____? What do you want?
- 5 This music is for two _____. We need two players.
- 6 Firefighters are _____. They save people from fires.
- 7 Do you brush your _____ after each meal?
- 8 Cows eat grass. They don't eat _____.



B Write a, an, the, or Ø.

- 1 I see a cat in a hat. The cat is white, and _____ hat is blue.
- 2 We usually don't have _____ homework on weekends.
- 3 My dad can speak _____ Chinese. He's very good.
- 4 Please turn down _____ heater. The room is too hot.
- 5 There is _____ orange sofa in the living room.
- 6 I like _____ science. It's my favorite subject.
- 7 We're late. Let's take _____ taxi.
- 8 The Moon moves around _____ Earth.



Grammar in Context

A Circle and write about yourself. Change the word form if necessary.

- 1 I live / don't live in a small _____.
- 2 I drink / don't drink _____ every day.
- 3 I eat / don't eat _____ often.
- 4 I have / don't have big _____.
- 5 I play / don't play _____ after school.
- 6 I like / don't like scary _____.

basketball
foot
city
milk
story
tomato

B Choose and write. Change the word from if necessary.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I'm having _____ great time here at summer camp. I made some new _____ already. There are ten kids in my cabin. They are from all over _____ world. We all know _____ English, so we can talk to one another.

Tomorrow will be _____ exciting day. We'll ride _____ !
I'll wear my cowboy hat and boots! It's time for bed now. Good night!

Love,

Kai



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Modal Verbs and Sense Verbs

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