

# Countable and uncountable nouns

## Learn!

Countable nouns		Uncountable nouns
one book	four pieces	wood, coffee, air
three books	one child	freedom, health
one piece	four children	honesty, happiness

**Honesty** is the best policy.

The blue **pen** is on the table, but the red **pens** are on the desk.

Mary's **aunt** lives in Los Angeles and Sarah's two **aunts** live in Chicago.

**Water** is a vital element for life.

**Coffee** is grown in Mexico.

Your **information** is extremely useful.

## Work it out!

1 Write *Countable* or *Uncountable* to complete the rules below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ nouns refer to individual items that we can count.
- \_\_\_\_\_ nouns usually refer to things that we cannot count as individual items.
- \_\_\_\_\_ nouns have a singular and a plural form.
- \_\_\_\_\_ nouns have only one form. We cannot use numbers with them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ nouns are always used with singular verbs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ can be used with singular or plural verbs.
- With \_\_\_\_\_ we *can* use a / an.
- With \_\_\_\_\_ we *cannot* use a / an.

**Use!**

**1** Look at the underlined words in the sentences. Write C for countable and UN for uncountable.

- a. I have to wash my hair. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The book did not contain any mistakes. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. How many people were on the bus? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. We need some bread. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Can you give me some advice? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. That war ended many years ago. \_\_\_\_\_
- g. I can't find a glass for the lemonade. \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Gina has very good health. \_\_\_\_\_