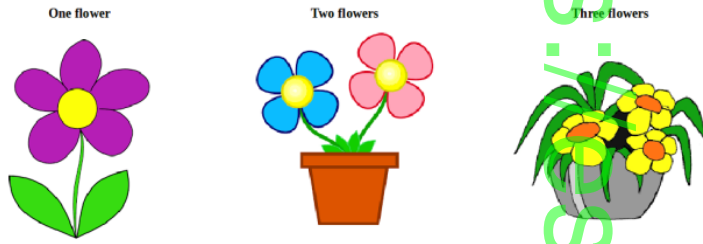





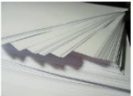
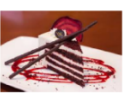
Most nouns in English -as in many other languages- are countable. So, we can have one, two, three of them and so on:



However, there are some nouns which are uncountable. Many kinds of food, materials or abstract concepts tend to be uncountable:



There are some nouns that can be both countable and uncountable, depending on their meaning:

Countable	Uncountable
A chocolate 	Some chocolate 
A paper 	Some paper 
A cake 	Some cake 

Can we use the same articles with both kinds of nouns? Well, let's see:

	Countable Nouns		Uncountable Nouns
	Singular Nouns	Plural Nouns	
Indefinite article	<b>a/an</b> <i>There is a carrot in the fridge. There is an orange, too.</i>	<b>some/any</b> <i>There are some carrots and some oranges in the fridge.</i>	<b>some/any</b> <i>There is some water in the fridge.</i>
Definite article	<b>the</b> <i>The carrot is fresh. The orange is fresh, too.</i>	<b>the</b> <i>The carrots and the oranges are fresh.</i>	<b>the</b> <i>The water is cold.</i>

There are other determiners that we can use with nouns:

Countable Nouns	Uncountable Nouns	
many / a lot of (a) few How many ? a number of ...	much / a lot of (a) little How much ? an amount of ...	There aren't <u>many</u> chairs in the room. There isn't <u>much</u> furniture in the room. There are <u>a lot of</u> chairs in the room. There is <u>a lot of</u> furniture in the room. There are <u>a few</u> cars in the road. There is <u>a little</u> traffic in the road. <u>How many</u> eggs do you need? <u>How much</u> sugar do you need? I found <u>a number of</u> mushrooms in the forest. I found <u>an amount of</u> fruit under the tree.

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