Introduction

This countable and uncountable nouns game is useful for teaching students the difference between the two types of noun. In the activity, students also learn to associate quantifiers and question words with each type of noun.

Procedure

Tell the students that they are going to sort countable and uncountable nouns into their respective groups.

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair the two heading cards and a set of noun cards. Tell the students to place the heading cards face up on the table and to shuffle the noun cards and place them face down in a pile.

Students take it in turns to turn over a noun card and place it under the correct heading.

As the students are doing the activity, write the following question words and quantifiers on the board:

How much?  How many?  a little  a few  some  any  a lot of

When the students have finished, elicit the correct category for each noun.

For each correctly matched noun, pairs score one point.

Pairs then race to win an extra point by making a meaningful sentence or question with the noun using a question word or quantifier from the board.

The first pair to do this scores an extra point.

Point out that singular countable nouns can be changed to plural countable nouns for the sentences and questions.

The pair with the most points at the end of the game wins.

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Activity Type
Matching and speaking activity, pairwork

Language Focus
Countable and uncountable nouns
Quantifiers: a little, a few, some, any, a lot of
How much? / How many?

Aim
To sort countable and uncountable nouns into their respective groups and make sentences and questions with quantifiers.

Preparation
Make one copy of the worksheet for each pair of students and cut as indicated, keeping the two heading cards and noun cards separate.

Level
Elementary (A1-A2)

Time
30 minutes

Answer key

Uncountable Nouns
air
bread
fun
gold
grammar
juice
love
metal
oil
power
rain
sand
seafood
tea
water

How much?
a little
some
any
a lot of

Countable Nouns
answer
baby
beach
chair
game
minute
plant
library
newspaper
river
smile
star
tent
village
wall

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