**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. Keep the two heading cards and noun cards separate.

**Level**
Elementary

**Time**
30 minutes

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**Introduction**
This matching game is useful for teaching students the difference between countable and uncountable nouns. 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 class 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 win 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 wins 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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Answer key

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

How much? / How many?
- a little
- some
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- a lot of

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

- How many?
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