Lectura sugerida

Departamento de Inglés. **Countable and Uncountable Nouns**

**CHAPTER III**

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**Some and Any**

Use *some* in affirmative sentences.

There are *some* hardware books in this library.

Use *any* in negative sentences.

Use some or any in questions. The meanings are similar.

Do you need *any* information? or Do you need *some* information?

**Grammar tip**: Use some and any before non-count nouns or plural count nouns.

**One and Ones**

Use **one** to replace a singular count noun.

Which book do you want? I want the network one.

Use **ones** to replace a plural count noun.

What about the pencils? I want the color ones.

**Example:**

Every morning, the headmaster talks to the teacher about the supplies:
- *The workshop is next week. We need some difficult problems to work with. The ones we have are too easy. Can you get a science computer game like the one we have in the laboratory? It’s a really good one.*
Demonstrative Pronouns: This, these and that, those

The plural of this is these.
This book is really interesting.
These exercises are difficult.

The plural of that is those.
That student is very polite but those students are nasty.

Grammar tip: Use this and these for things and people near you.
Use that and those for things and people distant from you.

Countable and Uncountable

Nouns with much, many, a lot, little and few

- Countable Nouns
  - Use many + plural nouns.
    - Many students, many children.
    - I have many friends.
  - How many teachers are there in the UAI?
  - Use few, a few + plural nouns.
    - Few = not many.
    - A few = some.
    - I need a few books.

- Uncountable Nouns
  - Use a lot, a lot of + plural or uncountable nouns.
    - A lot, a lot of = many or much.
    - I have a lot of friends.
    - I drink a lot of water.
  - Use much + uncountable nouns.
    - Much information, much water.
    - I don’t have much time.
    - How much coffee do you drink?
    - Grammar tip: Normally much is not used in affirmative sentences.
  - Use little, a little + uncountable nouns.
    - Little = not much.
    - A little = some.
    - I drink little coffee.
    - Give me a little time.
Possessive Nouns

Use ’s to make singular nouns possessive.
  The Dean’s office is big.
  Mr. Smithers’s fax machine is broken.
  My partner’s mouse is new.
  Bob and Sam’s exams are corrected.

Use an apostrophe ’ to make a plural noun ending in s possessive.
  Her friends’ telephone number is 555-2949.

Use ’s for plural nouns that don’t end in s.
  The children’s notebooks are on my desk.