

## NOUNS AND ARTICLES

Nouns function as the name of things, such as people, animals, objects, places, actions, or ideas. Articles indicate certain words are nouns.

### COUNTABLE NOUNS:

- Countable nouns are often concrete, distinct items, perceived of as separate
  - Countable nouns may be singular or plural
  - Generally, countable nouns are pluralized by adding an “s” to the end of the noun
- Examples:** Book, books, chapter, chapters, page, pages, word, words, note, notes, etc.

### UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS:

- Uncountable nouns are often abstract, collective items, thought of as a whole
  - Uncountable nouns are mostly singular, but may be plural
  - Generally, uncountable nouns are not pluralized
- Examples:** Music, love, advice, information, news, furniture, luggage, rice, water, power, etc.

### INDEFINITE ARTICLES:

Indefinite articles (“a” and “an”) indicate that the identity of a noun is general or unknown

- The article “a” can be used to indicate general, singular, or countable nouns that begin with a consonant  
**Example:** A creature, a person, a place, a thing, a quality, a state of existence, etc.
- The article “an” can be used to indicate general, singular, countable nouns that begin with a vowel  
**Example:** An action, an idea, an object, etc.

### DEFINITE ARTICLES:

Definite articles (“the”) indicate that the identity of a noun is specific or known

- The article “the” can be used to indicate specific, singular or plural, countable or uncountable nouns  
**Example:** The human species, the animal kingdom, the theory of relativity, etc.

### NO ARTICLES:

- Use **no article** to indicate general, plural, uncountable nouns  
**Example:** Cats, dogs, people, cars, Hollywood, Wall Street, Detroit, happiness, life, death, etc.