

Countable and uncountable 3 13

A The words in the box are the answers to clues 1 to 12. Nine of the words are nearly always uncountable and four are nearly always countable. Write the answers to the clues in the correct column.

travel accommodation secrecy research sheep advice
furniture people information teeth countryside work mice

	uncountable	countable
<p>Example: It's usually scientific.</p> <p>1 They chew.</p> <p>2 It's the opposite of <i>city</i>.</p> <p>3 It includes tents, houses, flats and rooms.</p> <p>4 Cats chase them.</p> <p>5 It's the opposite of openness.</p> <p>6 People love giving it but hate taking it.</p> <p>7 They live in flocks.</p> <p>8 It is supposed to broaden the mind.</p> <p>9 Your home would be empty without it.</p> <p>10 They are the most dangerous animals on earth.</p> <p>11 It's at the heart of modern technology.</p> <p>12 It brings in money.</p>	<p>research</p>	

B The words in the box are not really countable or uncountable, but six are always singular and six always plural. Put the words in the correct column.

the news the police scissors each (of them) politics either (of them)
the poor both (of them) everyone all (of them) trousers maths

always singular (_____ is)	always plural (_____ are)

C All these words can be uncountable. Find the five which can also be countable and write *a* or *an* in the box next to the word.

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> advice | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> hair | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> sun |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> beauty | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> health | 10 <input type="checkbox"/> talk |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> difficulty | 7 <input type="checkbox"/> icecream | 11 <input type="checkbox"/> traffic |
| 4 <input type="checkbox"/> experience | 8 <input type="checkbox"/> music | 12 <input type="checkbox"/> weather |

Answer Key

2 Adverbs of time 1

- A
- I haven't read it yet.
 - I still haven't rung her.
 - had it since I went to India.
 - 've ever met him.
 - already read it.
 - 've never been to an Indian restaurant.
 - 've had it for six months.
 - ever thought of buying a computer?

B

- yet
- still
- already

3 Adverbs of time 2

- A
- I have already been to Australia.
 - I haven't been to Australia yet.
 - Have you ever been to Australia?
 - I've never been to Australia.
 - I still haven't been to Australia.
 - Australia is the most beautiful country I've ever seen.

B

- 1 c 2 f 3 d 4 e 5 g 6 a

C

- It's the most beautiful picture I've ever seen.
- I haven't ever been to Germany but I'd like to go one day.
- You were talking about going to Munich; have you been there yet?
- I'm trying to find someone who knows about Canada; have you ever been there?
- Although Mongolia has opened its borders it's still difficult to fly there.
- We haven't visited Padua yet, but we plan to go in the spring.

4 Adverbs of time 3

- A
- | | | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|
| 1 often | 5 just | 9 already |
| 2 since | 6 sometimes | 10 until |
| 3 twice | 7 before | 11 rarely |
| 4 ago | 8 once | 12 yet |
- Hidden word: occasionally

B

- just now
- long ago
- never ever

5 Adverbs of time 4

- A
- | | |
|---------|---------|
| 1 ago | 6 yet |
| 2 when | 7 for |
| 3 since | 8 while |
| 4 never | 9 still |
| 5 ever | |

Hidden word: The trainer

B

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1 over | 7 whenever |
| 2 ago | 8 ages |
| 3 long | 9 these days |
| 4 moment | 10 time |
| 5 sooner or later | 11 present |
| 6 every now and then | 12 during |

6 Advice and suggestions 1

- A
- Why don't you rent a car?
 - I think you'd better rent a car.
 - How about visiting Wales?
 - If I were you I'd rent a car.
 - You could always rent a car.
 - Have you thought of staying in a bed and breakfast?
 - Why not rent a car?
 - Perhaps you ought to come and stay with me.

B

- of using a bicycle?
- buy a CD player?
- to have an eye test/to have your eyes tested.
- look (them up) in a dictionary.
- you take a tent?
- having fish?
- borrow my coat.

7 Advice and suggestions 2

- A
- 1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 b 6 b

B

- | | | |
|----|-----|-----|
| a) | 2 b | 6 b |
| b) | 3 b | 4 a |
| c) | 3 b | 5 b |
| d) | 2 b | 4 a |

8 Articles 1

- A
- | | | |
|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1 a violent film | 5 the violence | 9 films |
| 2 violent films | 6 the quality | 10 children |
| 3 Violence | 7 the film | |
| 4 life | 8 a film | |

B

- | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 c | 2 a | 3 b |
| 4 a | 5 c | 6 b |

C

Unemployment is one of the most important problems in the world today. It affects all countries: not only South America, Africa and Asia, but also Europe and the United States too. And it is not just a modern problem either; it has been with us for centuries. Unemployment destroys people's lives, it breaks up the family and it makes society poor. The question is: what can we do about it?

9 Articles 2

- A
- The true sentences are: 2, 3, 5, 6

B

- a 5 b 6 c 3 d 2

C

- | | | | | | |
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| 1 b | 2 a | 3 a | 4 b | 5 b | 6 a |
| 7 a | 8 b | | | | |

10 Articles and countable and uncountable nouns

- If you need help, please ask for assistance
- Advice Centre
- Roadworks ahead
- Collect your luggage here
- Will all personnel please report to the main office.
- English spoken here.
- Please shut the door
- Travel agent
- The sun rises in the east and sets in the west

- 10 Please leave cameras at the desk
 11 Please turn off the light.
 12 If you have a complaint, please ask to see the manager.
 13 Foreign money not accepted
 14 The End
 15 Please ring the bell for service
 16 Take a card; any card

11 Countable and uncountable 1

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 time | 8 light | 15 experiences |
| 2 times | 9 hope | 16 experience |
| 3 glass | 10 a hope | 17 an experience |
| 4 a glass | 11 hopes | 18 beliefs |
| 5 glasses | 12 lambs | 19 a belief |
| 6 lights | 13 a lamb | 20 belief |
| 7 a light | 14 lamb | |

12 Countable and uncountable 2

- A
 1 a 2 b 3 b 4 a 5 a 6 b 7 a 8 b

- B
 1 c) i) hairs 2 a) iv) a hair 3 d) ii) hair

13 Countable and uncountable 3

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>uncountable</i> | <i>countable</i> |
| 2 countryside | 1 teeth |
| 3 accommodation | 4 mice |
| 5 secrecy | 7 sheep |
| 6 advice | 10 people |
| 8 travel | |
| 9 furniture | |
| 11 information | |
| 12 work | |

- | | | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>B</i> | <i>always singular</i> | <i>always plural</i> |
| | the news | the police |
| | each (of them) | scissors |
| | politics | the poor |
| | either (of them) | both (of them) |
| | everyone | all (of them) |
| | maths | trousers |

- C
 2 a beauty 3 a difficulty
 4 an experience 7 an icecream
 10 a talk

14 Enough and plenty

- A
 1 b 2a

- B
 1 just the right amount
 2 there aren't quite enough
 3 there isn't enough
 4 there are plenty
 5 there aren't enough
 6 just the right number
 7 there isn't enough
 8 this isn't big enough
 9 these aren't big enough
 10 there is plenty
 11 there are far too many

15 Futures 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| A | |
| 1 will have completed | 6 will be shining |
| 2 will have taken | 7 will have left |
| 3 will be talking | 8 will have declined |
| 4 will be typing | 9 will have fallen |
| 5 will have left | |

- B
 1 will have moved 5 will have raised
 2 will be selling 6 will have solved
 3 will have installed 7 will be printing
 4 will have appointed

16 Futures 2

- A
 1 b 2 a 3 b 4 b 5 a 6 b

- B
Actions in progress
 ... 'll be living in a warmer climate.
 ... 'll be working as an agriculturalist.
 ... 'll be living in a comfortable house.

- Actions completed*
 ... 'll have met the right person.
 ... 'll have paid back all the money my parents lent me.
 ... 'll have published the results of my research thesis.

- C
 1 will have doubled 4 will be facing
 2 will be feeding 5 will have contributed
 3 will have found

17 Futures 3

- 1 Actually, I'm meeting an old friend there.
 2 Not long, I'm'll be leaving on Sunday.
 3 Yes, I'm going to visit the colleges.
 4 In that case, I'll go there too.
 5 I'm afraid I'll be working (in the university library) at three o'clock.
 6 Let's see. Shall I ring you at 6.00 pm on Thursday?
 7 In that case, I think I'll buy one.
 8 If it's good, shall I get you one?
 9 OK. I'll ring you on Thursday.

18 If sentences 1

- A
 1 b 2 a

- B
 1 hadn't gone to America 6 had told
 2 caught the 10 o'clock bus 7 had come in
 3 had had a gun 8 hadn't invented
 4 had thrown the receipt away 9 had stopped
 5 didn't study hard

19 If sentences 2

- A
 Clauses that are possibly true: 3, 4, 7, 8
 Clauses that are definitely not true: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9

- B
 1 c 2 a 3 b

- C
 1 If the captain sent a radio signal before the ship sank
 2 If Les is here now
 3 If Les had been here now
 4 If Sarah said anything to your boss while you were away
 5 If Sarah had said anything to your boss while you were away
 6 If Ali bought the tickets when the box office first opened
 7 If Ali had bought the tickets when the box office first opened
 8 If I'd had any more food
 9 If I have any more food