

3 No articles

We do not use *a / an* when the noun is uncountable.

*Beverly gives **advice** to new staff members. (not an advice)*

We do not use *the* before a singular noun that names a general category.

*In this town, **crime** is decreasing. (= a general category)*

*We were all horrified by **the crime**. (= a particular crime)*

We do not use an article before a possessive.

*I have to take **my laptop** with me to the excursion. (not ~~the-my~~ laptop)*

4 Amounts

We can use some words to show the amount of something that is uncountable.

*I had **a glass of** milk with my breakfast this morning.*

We use *pair of* for things that have two parts.

*She's taking **a pair of** sunglasses and two **pairs of** shoes.*

We use the name of the container for some words.

*I carry **a bottle of** water and **a tube of** toothpaste in my backpack.*

We can use the amount without the noun.

*Would you like **a piece of** moist cake? Just **a small piece**, please.*

Grammar exercise

1 Put the following words in the correct column.

advice desk equipment fax furniture glass music news noise
paper clips printer scanner calendar space stationery tape

Always countable	Can be countable or uncountable	Always uncountable

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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