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## 4.1. Noun Classes

### **5. Countable Nouns** (also known as **count nouns**)

Countable nouns are nouns that can be considered individuals as we can count them in terms of numbers (one, two, three, etc.). Countable nouns can be singular or plural, e.g.:

My **book** is new. (Singular) My **books** are new. (Plural)

Examples: ball, boy, cat, person:

I have only five **dollars**. The Earth was formed 4.6 billion **years** ago. There are lots of **people** but we don't have a **car**.

# 6. Uncountable Nouns

(Also called mass nouns; Non-count nouns)

They cannot be separated or counted in terms of numbers or units.

<u>**Rule</u>**: We never use uncountable nouns with the indefinite article (a/an). Uncountable nouns are always singular.</u>

Have you got some **money**? Air-conditioners use a lot of **electricity**. Do you have any **work** for me to do? Many Asians eat **rice**. Uncountable nouns often refer to:

Substances: paper, wood, plastic, etc.

Liquids: milk, oil , juice, etc.

Gases: air, oxygen, etc.

Abstract ideas: happiness, time, information, etc.

Weather Words: weather, thunder, snow, weather, etc.

**<u>Collections</u>** of <u>Things</u>: furniture, equipment, rubbish, luggage, etc.

#### 7. Collective Nouns

**Collective Nouns** are nouns that refer to a collection or group of multiple people, animals, or things. The table below shows the collective nouns used for calling a group or collection of people or animals or common things:

For People	For Animals	For Things
A <b>band</b> of musicians	A <u>flock</u> of birds	A <b>bouquet</b> of flowers
A <b>board</b> of directors	A flock of sheep	A <b><u>bunch</u></b> of flowers
A class of students	An <u>army</u> of ants	A galaxy of stars
A crowd of people	A herd of deer	A range of mountains
A panel of experts	A <u>murder</u> of crows	A <u>fleet</u> of ships
A gang of thieves	A <b>pride</b> of lions	A pack of cards

**<u>Rule</u>**: Collective nouns can be treated as singular **OR** plural which can be noticed in the rule of subject-verb agreement (Concord) with collective nouns.

His family live in different countries. (Members)
An average family consists of four people. (A Unit; identity)
The new company is the result of a merger.
The board of directors will meet tomorrow.

### 8. Compound Nouns

A **compound noun** is a noun that is made with two or more words. Most compound nouns are [noun + noun] or [adjective + noun]. Each compound noun acts as a single unit and can be modified by adjectives and other nouns.

Compound nouns have three different forms:

- **1. Open or spaced** means there is a space between words (**bus stop**)
- 2. Hyphenated means there is a hyphen between words (mother-in-law)
- **3.** Closed or solid means there is no space or hyphen between words (football)

**Examples**: cat food, blackboard, breakfast, full moon, washing machine, software

- Can we use the **swimming pool**?
- They stop work at **sunset**.
- Don't forget that check-out is at 12 noon.