

# The Count Noun

Recognize a *count noun* when you see one.

Nouns name people, places, and things. Many nouns have both singular and plural forms. If you can add a number to the front of a noun and put an **s** at the end of it, you have a *count* noun. Check out these examples:

Beatrice offered Jeremy **a** chocolate-chip **cookie**.

Jeremy, an impolite pig, grabbed all **seventeen** cookies off of the plate.

**Cookie** is a count noun. You can have *one* cookie, or you can be a pig like Jeremy and have *seventeen* cookies.

Remember that some nouns are *noncount*.

You cannot count all nouns. To make a noncount noun plural would be illogical. Read the following sentence:

Jeremy apologized for his **rudeness**, but his growling stomach stopped him from returning any of the cookies to the plate.

**Rudeness** is an example of a noncount noun. Jeremy does not have five rudenesses. Such a statement would make absolutely no sense!

Look over this chart contrasting count and noncount nouns:

Count Nouns	Noncount Nouns
hurricane(s)	weather
chair(s)	furniture
smile(s)	happiness
bagel(s)	flour
book(s)	information
assignment(s)	homework



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