|  |
| --- |
| **Count and Non-Count Nouns: Overview** |
| **Count Nouns**  | **Non-Count Nouns** |
| * can be singular or plural
* used with singular or plural verbs
 | * have only one form, with no “s” or “-es” endings
* used with singular verbs
 |
| Some **non-count** nouns can be used as **count** nouns when we talk about the ***whole object***, not part of an object. Examples: *I ate chicken for dinner last night.* (non-count)  *The farmer has four chickens.* (count)  *The children are eating cake*. (non-count)  *I bought two cakes, one chocolate and one vanilla.*  ( plural count)  *Maria made a cake for Jim’s birthday*. (singular count)  |
| **Non-count** nouns do not have plural forms. To express the number of a non-count noun we can use **units of measure**. The unit of measure can be the ***container***, ***amount*** or ***shape*** of the non-count noun. We don’t put “s” or “-es” on non-count nouns with units of measure. **Form**: unit of measure + of + non-count nounExamples: *There are two bottles of wine on the table.* (container)  *I need two kilograms of cheese*. (amount)  *Kim ate two slices of pizza*. (shape)  |

*Fill in the blanks with the COUNT or NON-COUNT form of the noun.*

1. Theresa ate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at Kevin’s birthday party. *(cake / a cake)*

2. My little brother ate \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(pizza / pizzas)* for dinner.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a popular type of meat. *(chicken / a chicken)*

4. I love to eat \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(cheese / a cheese)* and crackers.

5. He eats \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(fish / a fish)* often because he doesn’t like red meat.

6. Jack has a pet. His pet is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(fish / a fish)* named Goldy.

*Choose a UNIT OF MEASURE from the box to complete each sentence. Use each word once.*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| kilograms | bottle | cans | box | pieces |
| bags | liters | cups | glass | slices |

1. Paul drinks three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of cola every day.

2. They are buying two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of potatoes.

3. My mother has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of cookies in the cupboard.

4. I ate three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of cake!

5. He needs two \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of milk.

6. There is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of shampoo in the shower.

7. I’m hungry. I want three \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of pizza.

8. Lisa drinks a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of orange juice in the morning.

9. Kevin has four \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of coffee in the morning.

10. Let’s buy five \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of chips for the party.