

Sustantivos contables e incontables en inglés

Vamos a repasar los sustantivos contables e incontables en inglés

Nos enfrentamos principalmente a dos problemas:

- Nos hacemos un lío con los cuantificadores (few, little, many, much ...).
- Algunos sustantivos que son contables en español, no lo son en inglés.

CONTABLES	INCONTABLES
a book	a ^{some} sugar
a dream	a ^{some} new S
an egg	an ^{some} advice
two books	two <u>pieces of</u> advice
some trees	two <u>pieces of</u> furniture
<u>few</u> friends	<u>little</u> time
<u>How many?</u>	<u>How much?</u>

Sustantivos contables

Son aquellos que tienen una **forma singular y plural**.

- *Where **is** the **cucumber**? It is in the fridge.*
- *Where **are** the **cucumbers**? They are in the fridge.*
- Podemos usar los artículos indeterminados en inglés: 'a' y 'an'.
- **Podemos contarlos** usando números: *a cucumber, one cucumber, 2 cucumbers, 4 cucumbers.*

Sustantivos incontables

Son aquellos que tienen una única forma y solo admiten el verbo en singular.

- *Is there any **bread** left?*
- No podemos usar 'a' o 'an'.
- La forma no varía, siempre es bread.
- **No podemos contarlos sin ayudarnos de otras palabras.** Sería incorrecto decir **one bread, two breads**. Necesitamos añadir otras palabras que nos permitan cuantificarlos: **a piece of bread, grain of sugar, a useful bit of advice, etc.**

Con sustantivos contables usamos: few, a few, fewer, many, several.

Con sustantivos incontables usamos: little, a little, less, least, much.

Contables

- **Few** apples.
- **A few** suitcases.
- **Fewer** biscuits.
- **Many** students.
- **Several** years.

Incontables

- **Little** food.
- **A little** sugar.
- **Less** coffee.
- **The least** amount of time.
- **Not much** money.

Ejemplos de nombres incontables:

Accommodation
Advice
Beer
Behaviour
Cash
Coffee
Equipment
Evidence
Furniture
Fruit
Health
Homework
Information
Knowledge
Luggage
News
Money

Noise
Permission
Popcorn
Progress.
Proof
Research
Rubbish
Sugar
Space
Scenery
Time
Toast
Traffic
Trouble
Travel
Weather
Work

Algunos pueden ser contables e incontables:

Her father is a millionaire, he has many **businesses**. (compañías)

It's been a pleasure doing **business** with you. (hacer negocios)

Have you read the **works** of Shakespeare? (obras)

Have you finished your **work**? (trabajo)

Mando video explicativo de los usos de los sustantivos contables e incontables

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iftkq2tzmYM>

EXERCISES

1. Say if the noun in bold is countable or uncountable

1. The **apple** was sweet and juicy.

countable

uncountable

2. My mother is always giving me **advice**.

countable

uncountable

3. I have a new **CD player**.

countable

uncountable

4. There's no **post** for you today.

countable

uncountable

5. This is a really good **book**.

countable

uncountable

6. I like to read **magazines** on the train.

countable

uncountable

7. Robert spent lots of **money** today.

countable

uncountable

8. Your **work** is improving.

countable

uncountable

9. These **chairs** are very hard.

countable

uncountable

10. I'd like **information** about train times, please.

countable

uncountable

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