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# **English**

Quarter 2 - Module 2:

**Mass Nouns and Count Nouns** 



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### What I Need to Know

Hello dear learners! Today we are going to unlock another lesson in English IV. As we go on with our topic, you will learn the following:

- Classify nouns as Count nouns and Mass nouns
- Distinguish count nouns from mass nouns

Use appropriate quantifiers for mass nouns in sentences



### What's In

You already knew what nouns are, right? Nouns are names of person, animal, place/location, thing/object and idea. Here are some examples:

books sugar school milk trees flowers chocolates salt



### What's New

Let's start our lesson by reading a paragraph about a very worth remembering vacation. After reading, answer the comprehension questions below the paragraph.

#### My Summer Vacation

Hello! My name is John. My family went to Zambales for our summer vacation. We visited small group of land masses entirely surrounded by water. We rode in a sturdy banca to one of the island. I was awed by its sheer beauty! To our delight, we saw a lot of seashells around the clear blue water seemed to beckon us for a swim. My brother and I lost no time in doing so. After a while, we heard mother call. It was time for our snacks. We quickly retraced our trace back to where we were encamped. My mother served glasses of buko juice with suman and bibingka. But my younger brother was given a glass of milk and biscuits. Later for our lunch, we feasted on tinola, fried fish, fruits and vegetables. On our way back, I said a little prayer of thanks to our Lord for the wonderful islands of the beach of Zambales.

Comprehension Check: Write your answer on the space provided after the given question.

1.	Who is the boy in the story?
2.	Where did the whole family spend their vacation?
3.	What kind of water vessel did they ride to reach the islands?
4.	What did mother serve for their snacks and lunch?
5	What did John do before leaving the islands?



Look at the words inside the box, these are the words found in the paragraph.

Column A Can be counted	Column B Cannot be counted
vegetables	juice
fried fish	milk
island	sand
fruit	water
biscuits	tinola

The words inside the box tell something about the things that can be counted and the things that cannot be counted.

Column A are nouns which can be counted. We call them count nouns. Count **nouns** are nouns which can be counted as one or more.

Other examples are: spoon ballpen cellphone balloons

We can always count spoon, ballpen, cellphone and balloons to determine their numbers.

Column B are nouns which cannot be counted. We call them mass nouns. Mass **nouns** are nouns which cannot be counted.

Other examples are: oil sugar hair salt soup

If there are lots of oil, sugar, hair, salt and soup, it is incorrect to say oils, sugars, hairs, salts and soups. Generally, mass nouns cannot be pluralized. We cannot count them unless we use quantifiers or counters. Quantifiers or counters tell us how much or how little the mass nouns are.

Examples are: a <u>cup</u> of sugar <u>strands</u> of hair

a <u>teaspoon</u> of salt a <u>bowl</u> of soup

The underlined words in the given examples are called **quantifiers**. Some **quantifiers** are: **much**, **many**, **lots** of, a little bit of, a piece of, a glass of, a kilo of or a pound of. Mass nouns need quantifiers or counters for measurement.

Examples are: a kilo of flour a glass of milk

slices of cheese pieces of bread

#### Always remember:

- Count nouns can be counted while mass nouns cannot be counted.
- Quantifiers or counters tell us how much or how little the mass nouns are.
- Mass nouns need quantifiers or counters for measurement
- Generally, we cannot pluralize mass nouns.

Identifying count nouns and mass nouns would make us communicate our ideas better.



#### **Guided Activity 1**

\_\_\_5. Vinegar

and $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ if it is a mass noun.	nou
1. slippers	
2. gasoline	
3. honey	
4. Spoon	

### **Guided Activity 2**

**Directions:** Pick out the correct count nouns and mass nouns and write them under proper heading.

Blood			table	pencil
coffee	trees	oranges	soy sauce	cement

Count nouns	Mass nouns
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

### **Guided Activity 3**

**Directions:** Tell whether the underlined noun is a mass noun or a count noun. Write your answer on the space provided before the number of the given sentences.

 1. The LGU has distributed one sack of <u>rice</u> to the
Locally Stranded Individual (LSI) during their quarantine period.
 2. Mom told me to add more <u>flour</u> to the dough before
baking the cookies.
 3. Each family will be given three liters of alcohol during
the lockdown.
 4. Erwin should listen to his <u>teacher</u> .
5. You will need <u>eggs</u> for this recipe.

#### **Guided Activity 4**

**Directions**: Choose the appropriate quantifier/counter for mass nouns from the box to complete the phrases.

handful	box	cup	bottle	
bowl	jar	plateful	basket	

- 1. A \_\_\_\_ of chocolates
- 2. A \_\_\_\_ of peanuts
- 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes
- A \_\_\_\_\_ of fries
   A \_\_\_\_\_ of water
- 6. A \_\_\_\_\_ of soup
- 7. A \_\_\_\_\_ of coffee

#### **Independent Activity 1**

Directions: Choose the appropriate mass noun and count noun to complete the following sentences. Write your answer on the blank.

	paper cake	juice	vinegar	nails
١.	Paul bought a slice off	for his lit	tle brother.	
2.	The waiter served us two glasse	s of	and	a <i>bilao</i> meal.
3.	The carpenter asked me to buy	three kild	os of	for the fence.
1.	I need four sheets of	_ to finish	h my essay v	writing task.
5.	Shaneirah needs three liters of _		for her atsa	ra recipe.

#### **Independent Activity 2**

**Directions:** Complete the lines of the poem with tha appropriate Counter or quantifier. Choose the quantifier from the box.

> spoonful cup kilo teaspoon can

Today I will bake my favorite pie.

A treat for my mother and my Aunt Sie.

First, I will sift a \_\_\_\_\_ of flour.

Add a \_\_\_\_ of yeast. Mix and leave the dough for an hour.

Later, I will put two \_\_\_\_ of sugar.

A \_\_\_\_ of milk, I'll be sure it's not vinegar.

A couple of eggs would add some flavor.

A \_\_\_\_ of vanilla and honey would do me a favor,

of making my pie the best that they could savor.



# What I Have Learned

Direct	cions: Answer the following questions.
	1. What are count nouns?
	2. What are mass nouns?
	3. What are quantifiers/counters?
	4. Why do mass nouns need quantifiers or counters?
	5. Why do we need to distinguish mass nouns from count nouns?



Directions: Identify the count nouns and mass nouns on the given recipe. Write your answer on its proper column.

#### **BANANA TURON RECIPE**

10 pieces banana (saba)1 cup sugar1 liter cooking oil15 pieces lumpia wrapper5 pandan leaves3 cups water

1 tablespoon margarine

Count nouns	Mass nouns
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### Assessment

**Directions:** Encircle the mass nouns and box the count nouns in in the sentences.

- 1. Teacher Shane loves to drink tea every day.
- 2. These candies are very sweet.
- 3. There are fifty-two chairs inside the classroom.
- 4. Adrian donates blood to the Red Cross every year.
- 5. Sabina has five books in her bag.

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# I Am a Filipino by Carlos P. Romulo

I am a Filipino-inheritor of a glorious past, hostage to the uncertain future. As such I must prove equal to a two-fold task-the task of meeting my responsibility to the past, and the task of performing my obligation to the future.

I sprung from a hardy race, child many generations removed of ancient Malayan pioneers. Across the centuries the memory comes rushing back to me: of brownskinned men putting out to sea in ships that were as frail as their hearts were stout. Over the sea I see them come, borne upon the billowing wave and the whistling wind, carried upon the mighty swell of hope— hope in the free abundance of new land that was to be their home and their children's forever.

I am a Filipino. In my blood runs the immortal seed of heroes—seed that flowered down the centuries in deeds of courage and defiance. In my veins yet pulses the same hot blood that sent Lapulapu to battle against the first invader of this land, that nerved Lakandula in the combat against the alien foe, that drove Diego Silang and Dagohoy into rebellion against the foreign oppressor.

The seed I bear within me is an immortal seed. It is the mark of my manhood, the symbol of dignity as a human being. Like the seeds that were once buried in the tomb of Tutankhamen many thousand years ago, it shall grow and flower and bear fruit again. It is the insignia of my race, and my generation is but a stage in the unending search of my people for freedom and happiness.

I am a Filipino, child of the marriage of the East and the West. The East, with its languor and mysticism, its passivity and endurance, was my mother, and my sire was the West that came thundering across the seas with the Cross and Sword and the Machine. I am of the East, an eager participant in its spirit, and in its struggles for liberation from the imperialist yoke. But I also know that the East must awake from its centuried sleep, shake off the lethargy that has bound his limbs, and start moving where destiny awaits.

I am a Filipino, and this is my inheritance. What pledge shall I give that I may prove worthy of my inheritance? I shall give the pledge that has come ringing down the corridors of the centuries, and it shall be compounded of the joyous cries of my Malayan forebears when first they saw the contours of this land loom before their eyes, of the battle cries that have resounded in every field of combat from Mactan to Tirad Pass, of the voices of my people when they sing:

"I am a Filipino born to freedom, and I shall not rest until freedom shall have been added unto my inheritance—for myself and my children and my children's children—forever."

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