

Contables e incontables en inglés

Guía clara y práctica para dominar los sustantivos contables e incontables, con ejercicios resueltos y soluciones.

1) Qué significa que un sustantivo sea contable o incontable

En inglés, los sustantivos contables (countable nouns) se pueden contar: one book, two books. Los sustantivos incontables (uncountable nouns) se entienden como una masa o idea general: water, information, advice. Esta diferencia afecta a artículos (a/an), plurales, y cuantificadores (much/many).

2) Señales rápidas para reconocerlos

Suele ser contable si puedes decir un número delante y formar plural (a chair / three chairs). Suele ser incontable si no admite plural en el uso habitual (information, furniture, luggage). Ojo: algunos cambian según el significado (chicken: carne / animal).

3) Cuantificadores esenciales

Con contables	Con incontables	Con ambos
many, (a) few, several	much, (a) little	some, any, a lot of, lots of

4) Unidades y contenedores (a piece of, a bottle of...)

Para 'contar' incontables, usamos unidades: a piece of advice, a loaf of bread, a bottle of water, a bit of luck. Esto te permite usar números sin cometer el típico error de pluralizar sustantivos incontables.

Ejercicios (con soluciones al final)

Hazlos primero sin mirar la solución. Después corrige y revisa los patrones: cuantificadores, plural y 'a/an/some'.

Bloque 1 - 20 ejercicios

- Elige la opción correcta: I have ____ information about the course. (a) a (b) an (c) some
- Completa: How many ____ do you need? (a) sugar (b) chairs (c) milk
- Transforma a plural si es posible: a piece of advice
- Elige: There isn't ____ furniture in the room. (a) many (b) much (c) a few
- Elige: We bought ____ bottles of water. (a) much (b) many (c) a little
- Corrige si hace falta: She gave me two informations.
- Completa: I'd like ____ tea, please. (a) a few (b) a little (c) many
- Elige: Do you have ____ time today? (a) many (b) much (c) a few
- Clasifica (C/U): money, coin, bread, sandwich
- Completa con a/an/some: Can I have ____ apple?
- Completa con a/an/some: We need ____ rice.
- Elige: I don't have ____ friends in this city. (a) much (b) many (c) a little
- Elige: There are ____ people in the queue. (a) much (b) many (c) a little
- Completa: A ____ of bread / A ____ of water / A ____ of chocolate
- Reescribe usando 'some': I need a little help.
- Elige: We didn't buy ____ fruit. (a) many (b) much (c) a few
- Elige: She ate ____ cookies. (a) a few (b) a little (c) much
- Completa: How much ____ is there? (a) apples (b) water (c) chairs
- Completa: How many ____ are there? (a) advice (b) luggage (c) suitcases
- Reescribe con 'a piece of': advice

Encuentra el error (frases incorrectas)

- How many furniture do you want?
- I need two breads.
- She gave me an advice.
- There are much students in class.

- E5. We don't have many money.
- E6. I have a few milk left.
- E7. These informations are useful.
- E8. How many time do we have?
- E9. I bought three luggage.
- E10. There isn't many traffic today.

Soluciones

Comparte tus dudas en clase: en contables e incontables, casi siempre el error está en el cuantificador o en el plural.

Soluciones Bloque 1

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. pieces of advice
- 4. b
- 5. b
- 6. She gave me some information.
- 7. b
- 8. b
- 9. money (U), coin (C), bread (U), sandwich (C)
- 10. an
- 11. some
- 12. b
- 13. b
- 14. loaf, bottle, bar
- 15. I need some help.
- 16. b
- 17. a
- 18. b
- 19. c
- 20. a piece of advice

Soluciones Encuentra el error

- E1. How much furniture do you want?
- E2. I need two loaves of bread. / I need some bread.
- E3. She gave me some advice. / She gave me a piece of advice.
- E4. There are many students in class.
- E5. We don't have much money.
- E6. I have a little milk left.
- E7. This information is useful. / The information is useful.
- E8. How much time do we have?
- E9. I bought three suitcases. / I bought some luggage.
- E10. There isn't much traffic today.