Countable and uncountable nouns

English A2 · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
countable /ˈkaʊntəbl/	“Chair” is **countable**: two chairs. “Chair” two chairs
uncountable /ʌnˈkaʊntəbl/	“Advice” is **uncountable**: some advice, not “two advices”. “Advice” some advice “two advices”。
measure words /ˈmeʒə wɜːdz/	“A cup of” and “a bottle of” work like Chinese **measure words**. “A cup of” “a bottle of”
a book (yì běn shū) /ə bʊk/	I have **a book (yì běn shū)**.
a bottle of water (yì píng shuǐ)	Can I have **a bottle of water (yì píng shuǐ)**?
separated /ˈsepəreɪtɪd/	The twins were **separated** at the station.
soup /suːp/	I’d like some tomato **soup**.
positive /ˈpɒzɪtɪv/	She has a **positive** attitude.
negative (feeling) /ˈnegətɪv/	He had a **negative (feeling)** reaction to the news.
furniture /ˈfɜːnɪtʃə/	Chairs and tables are **furniture**.
staples /ˈsteɪplz/	Rice and noodles are **staples** in China.
accident /ˈæksɪdənt/	The silent “k” in “knee” is an **accident** of history. “knee” “k”
loaf /ləʊf/	Buy a **loaf** of bread, please.

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inventory /ˈɪnvəntri/	The shop does an **inventory** of everything on its shelves.