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Note: If the noun is uncountable, we do not use the indefinite articles a/an. Instead, we use the definite article the or no article.

a, an → with singular countable nouns

the → with specific nouns

an → before a vowel sound

Some / Any

Used with countable and uncountable nouns.

Can refer to a limited or unlimited quantity.

Many / Few

Used with plural countable nouns.

ex/ We didn't take **many** photographs.

ex/ I have a **few** jobs to do.

Much / Little

much + uncountable noun

little + uncountable noun

ex/ We didn't do **much** shopping.

ex/ I have a **little** work to do.

Few / A Few

few = not enough (قليل غير كافٍ)

a few = enough (قليل لكنه كافٍ)

Ex/ I have **few** books. (not enough)

ex/ I have **a few** books. (enough)

Little / A Little

little = not enough (كمية قليلة غير كافية)

a little = enough (كمية قليلة لكنها كافية)

ex/ I have **little** water. (not enough)

ex/ I have **a little** water. (enough)

Note:

Size, Weight, Measure, Container

These words can take a/an before them, even when they are connected to uncountable nouns.

Examples:

- A kilo of rice, -a liter of milk, -a bottle of water

لأنها تدل على حجم أو وزن أو قياس أو وعاء، فهي تُعدّ معدودة

Note:

Information, advice, news

These nouns are uncountable. Therefore, we do not use a/an before them.

We may use (the) or no article (Ø).

Examples:

-some information -good advice -the news

لأنها أسماء غير معدودة

Other Uncountable Nouns

The following nouns are uncountable, so we do not use a/an before them: (accommodation ,behaviour, damage, luck, permission, traffic, advice, information and bread)

Examples:

-We need accommodation. -She gave me some advice. -There was heavy traffic.

-I had good luck. -The bread is fresh.

Note:

Furniture, luggage, progress, weather, baggage, chaos, news, scenery, work

These are uncountable nouns. So, we do not use a/an with these words.

Note:

Tea, coffee, juice, drinks are usually uncountable. However, if they are followed by a noun indicating a container or serving, they become countable.

ex/ a cup of coffee

Note:

a/an: تحذف عند تحويلها الى الجمع

Examples:

ex/A dog is an animal.

ex/Dogs are animals.

Explanation:

نستخدم a/an: عند الحديث عن شيء بشكل عام في المفرد نستخدم

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