Count Nouns name things we can count:

book, girl, house, orange, idea - - - three books, two ideas, etc.

Non-Count Nouns are things that cannot

be counted:

water, milk, sand, sugar, some water, a little sugar,

weather - - - many types of weather

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| COUNT NOUNS | NON-COUNT NOUNS |
| Have singular and plural forms:  This book is good.  Those books are good. | Have only singular forms:  Milk is good for you.  The weather was cold yesterday |
| Can take some/any/many/few/a few/a lot of:  I bought some oranges.  There are a few oranges left.  Do you have any ideas?  He had few ideas to offer. | Can take some/any/much/little/a little/a lot of.  There is some milk in the refrigerator.  There is a little milk left.  Do you want some sugar?  Is there any water in the bottle? |
| Take a/an and numbers.  There is a house for sale on Market St.  Give me an orange, please.  I need three books for that class. | Do not take a/an and numbers.  Please give me a bottle of water.  For the cake we need three cups of milk. |
| Take the, this, that, these, those.  Here is the book I told you about.  I hear this movie is great.  That idea is just crazy.  These students will all earn A’s.  We took those suitcases on our trip. | Take the, this, that.  The beauty of her face is striking.  The love they share is amazing.  This weather is very unusual.  I won’t eat McDonald’s food; all that  salt is bad for my blood pressure. |

Some nouns can be count or non-count, but with a difference in meaning. Here are some examples:

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| NOUN | COUNT NOUN | NON-COUNT NOUN |
| experience | I had a bad experience on a boat. | Do you have any experience in computer programing? |
| glass | Would you like a glass of water? | The vase is made of glass. |
| hair | He has two gray hairs on his head. | His hair is gray. |
| iron | I bought a new iron. | The pot is made of iron. |
| time | How many times did the phone ring? | I don’t have much time right now. |
| wood | The table was made of five different woods. | The table is made of wood. |

 