



English Class 5

Class Notes

What do you already know?

What's wrong with these sentences?

- I have two dog.
- Monica recently bought new car.
- The happiness is more important than the money.

Little things matter...

- I have two dogs.
- Monica recently bought **a** new car.
- ~~The~~ happiness is more important than ~~the~~ money.

What are Countable Nouns?

Countable nouns are most things, people, and places.

- Use articles: a/an, the
 - ‘a’ for nouns beginning with consonants (non-vowels) [bcdfghjklmnpqrstvwxyz](#)
 - ‘an’ for nouns beginning with vowels [aeiou](#)

EXCEPTIONS : ‘h’ and ‘u’	
makes a consonant sound	makes a vowel sound
a hotel a university	an hour an umbrella

- Are made plural (more than one) by adding a final ‘s’: hands**s**, banana**s**, school**s**

Rules for using Countable Nouns

Countable nouns need articles or to be plural.

- Singular (single) count nouns need something in front of them:
 - an article
 - a number
 - a pronoun
- Plural (more than one) count nouns need a final -s
- 'The' can be used with single or plural nouns

What are Non-countable Nouns?

Feelings, abstract ideas, and many random other nouns.

- Feelings: happiness, excitement, love
- Abstract ideas: luck, honesty, generosity
- Many random other nouns:
 - Small things: rice, sand,
 - Types of things: jewelry, money, mail, furniture
 - Liquids (water), metals (gold), materials (wood, cotton), subjects (biology)
 - Etc: food, fruit, sunshine, weather

Rules for using Non-countable Nouns

Non-countable nouns don't need articles and can't be plural.

- Non-count nouns don't *need* anything in front of them, but they *can* have:
 - 'the': **The** music is very loud.
 - a pronoun: **Her** hair is long. **This** food is delicious.
- Non-count nouns use singular verb forms

Let's Practice!

Are these nouns **count** or **non-count**?

When I was reading a book outside, I heard noises behind a tree, so I got up to take a closer look. There was a bird on the ground. It looked like the bird had hurt its wing and couldn't fly anymore. I carefully carried the bird inside and put it in a box. I went on my computer to see what I should do. I read that I should keep the bird warm, give it food and water, and talk to a veterinarian. I took a picture of the bird and sent it to my friend who is a vet. She said the wing didn't look too bad, and that it might just need some time to get better. She was right! The very next day, it hopped out of the box and flew away!

Even though we are in the midst of a 1)_____ pandemic, people continue to using dating 2)_____ to meet new people 3)_____. Since meeting up for a drink isn't always an option anymore, one online date 4)_____ was to give dates virtual tours of each others' homes, pointing out prized 5)_____.

Doesn't this sound like a good way to get to know someone?

Usually, when I ask my students about their 6) _____ possessions, they inevitably mention their 7) _____, laptops, or maybe their cars. While these are 8) _____ in one sense of the word (in that they're expensive), they are also completely replaceable. When we ask each other about our prized possessions, we usually want to know about things that are irreplaceable because of their sentimental 9) _____.

10)_____ is often the obvious choice. I would count my wedding 11)_____ as a prized possession, as well as a jade 12)_____ given to me by my mother before she passed away. Then I also have this ammonite fossil that she got when she and my father were in Madagascar. They're quite common and 13)_____, but they're about 100 million years old. I had it made into a necklace by a woman I met at a campground in Mexico. I 14)_____ ever wear it, but I think it's incredibly special.

I have moved many times, and each time I move, I

15) _____ things, but some things have traveled with me from city to city around the country. This includes some very large and heavy pieces of

16) _____, and my digital piano, which was a birthday gift from my family. Having the same artwork with me makes a place really feel like home.

A small piece of handiwork I treasure is this wooden

17)_____ covered in *milagros* that I got in Mexico when we were there to celebrate my friend's 40th.

18)_____. *Milagros* are small metal charms that are supposed to bring specific luck—there are fertility charms, traveling charms, money charms, etc. Although I don't really believe in luck, I have loved these kinds of things for years, ever since we stopped in a small coastal 19)_____ and spent a week in a house owned by a 20)_____ who made and sold these crafts in the adjoining shop.

Well, while we were walking through the 21)_____ the night before my friend's birthday, I spotted this table full of these typical Mexican 22)_____. I was choosing one to buy for my friend as a gift, and my husband whispered, "Isn't that the guy whose place we rented in Barra de Navidad?" And it was! It was crazy to 23)_____ him in a completely different town in Mexico, years later. This heart reminds me of those two 24)_____ trips to Mexico, and the wonderful coincidences that make life interesting.

I also love this 25)_____ that is made of alpaca wool that I got in Peru. I knitted it up while we were traveling through Patagonia. It reminds me of our simple life, 26)_____ and living in our van for almost two years. We didn't have room to buy many souvenirs, but this ended up being beautiful and 27)_____. It's not the best-looking sweater, but it's definitely one-of-a-kind.

Class 5 Vocabulary

suggestion

virtual

point out

prized possession

inevitable

valuable

replaceable

sentimental

obvious

fossil

get rid of

treasure

spot

typical

whisper

rent

run into

coincidence