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How to Practise Countable and Uncountable Nouns with One Simple Sentence Game

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Teaching focus

Choose one noun from a countable column and one from an uncountable column, then connect them in a logical sentence. We can check the forms and add a genuine follow-up question before crossing out the words.

Our suggested routine

1. Gav and Em suggest: two nouns, one useful sentence Gav and Em suggest making the grammar visible, then giving the sentence a conversational follow-up. Mini-lesson: countable nouns can take a number and a plural ending: two messages . Uncountable information keeps its form: some information . News looks plural but normally takes a singular verb. Check: complete: (1) The news is/are in three messages. (2) I received two pieces of information/informations. Answers: (1) is; (2) information. Practice: use countable words message, chair, suitcase and uncountable words information, furniture, luggage . Select one from each set and make a logical sentence. For example: The message contains useful information. Keep it moving: a partner checks the noun forms, asks one follow-up question and crosses out the used words. Swap roles until each word has been used.

After the attempt

What could learners do? What needed another model or a smaller step? Choose one useful adjustment and try the task again.

Notes for our next lesson

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