

Most abstract nouns are uncountable. Some, however, can be either countable or uncountable, and the two forms often mean slightly different things.

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72.1 ABSTRACT AND CONCRETE NOUNS

Abstract nouns refer to ideas, events, concepts, feelings, and qualities that do not have a physical form. Concrete nouns are things that can be seen, touched, heard, or smelled.

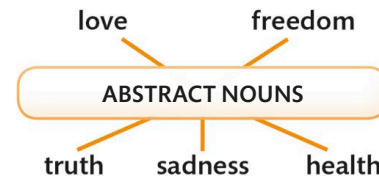
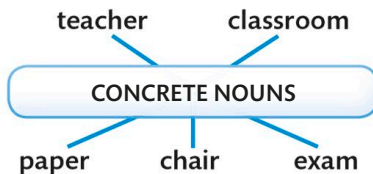


He has a lot of **books**, but not much **knowledge**.

"Books" is a countable, concrete noun.

"Knowledge" is an uncountable, abstract noun.

FURTHER EXAMPLES



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I can't wait to prepare for this **dinner party**.



I'm having **difficulty** logging on to my computer.



I'm going to get my **car** fixed sometime soon.



I need to come up with better **ideas** to keep my boss happy.