



# Countable & Uncountable Nouns: Quantifying Uncountable Nouns & Mixed Practice

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I bought two \_\_\_\_ of bread at the bakery.  
a) loaves  
b) breads  
c) bars  
d) packets
2. Can you pass me \_\_\_\_ ? I need to cut this fabric. (one tool)  
a) a scissor  
b) a scissors  
c) scissor  
d) a pair of scissors
3. Pour me a \_\_\_\_ of water, please.  
a) water  
b) loaf  
c) glass  
d) bar
4. I need a new \_\_\_\_ . These ones are too old. (legwear)  
a) pair of trousers  
b) trouser  
c) trousers  
d) a trousers
5. I need \_\_\_\_ of milk for the recipe.  
a) a milk  
b) a carton  
c) milks  
d) one milk
6. We ate three \_\_\_\_ of cake at the party.  
a) cakes  
b) cake  
c) loaves  
d) slices
7. He carries two \_\_\_\_ of luggage when he travels.  
a) luggages  
b) luggage  
c) pieces  
d) pair
8. Where are my \_\_\_\_ ? I can't see the board clearly.  
a) glass  
b) glasses  
c) a glasses  
d) a glass
9. I'd like a \_\_\_\_ of chocolate, please.  
a) bar  
b) cup  
c) loaf  
d) slice
10. Could you bring me \_\_\_\_ of paper? I need to write a note.  
a) a loaf  
b) papers  
c) a paper  
d) a sheet
11. These \_\_\_\_ are too tight. I need a larger size.  
a) jean  
b) a jeans  
c) jeans  
d) the jean

12. The police found an important \_\_\_\_ at the crime scene.
- a) evidence  
b) piece of evidence  
c) evidences  
d) an evidence
13. She bought five \_\_\_\_ of furniture for the living room.
- a) pieces  
b) furnitures  
c) furniture  
d) item
14. I need to buy two \_\_\_\_ of toothpaste.
- a) toothpastes  
b) loaves  
c) toothpaste  
d) tubes
15. Which sentence is correct?
- a) I have two shoe by the door.  
b) I have two pair of shoe.  
c) I have two pairs of shoes by the door.  
d) I have a shoes by the door.
16. This cake needs \_\_\_\_ . It's not sweet enough.
- a) more sugar  
b) more sugars  
c) a sugar  
d) many sugars
17. There were several interesting \_\_\_\_ in the newspaper today.
- a) news  
b) articles  
c) information  
d) new
18. I just heard \_\_\_\_ that might interest you.
- a) a news  
b) newses  
c) one news  
d) a piece of news
19. My \_\_\_\_ is getting old. I need a new one. (for seeing)
- a) glass  
b) pair of glasses  
c) a glasses  
d) glasses
20. He gave me several \_\_\_\_ of useful information.
- a) informations  
b) information  
c) pieces  
d) lots



## Answers

1. a) loaves
2. d) a pair of scissors
3. c) glass
4. a) pair of trousers
5. b) a carton
6. d) slices
7. c) pieces
8. b) glasses
9. a) bar
10. d) a sheet
11. c) jeans
12. b) piece of evidence
13. a) pieces
14. d) tubes
15. c) I have two pairs of shoes by the door.
16. a) more sugar
17. b) articles
18. d) a piece of news
19. b) pair of glasses
20. c) pieces



# Explanations

## 1. “loaves” (a)

The correct quantifier for bread is 'a loaf of bread' — plural 'two loaves of bread'. 'Bars' are for chocolate or soap, and 'packets' are for crisps or biscuits.

## 2. “a pair of scissors” (d)

'Scissors' is always plural. You cannot say 'a scissor' or 'a scissors'. Use 'a pair of scissors' to refer to one tool.

## 3. “glass” (c)

'Water' is uncountable. To quantify it, use a container: 'a glass of water'. 'Loaf' is for bread, 'bar' is for chocolate or soap.

## 4. “pair of trousers” (a)

'Trousers' is always plural. For one item, say 'a pair of trousers'. You cannot say 'a trouser' or 'a trousers'.

## 5. “a carton” (b)

'Milk' is uncountable. To quantify it, use a container: 'a carton of milk'. You cannot say 'a milk' or 'milks'.

## 6. “slices” (d)

'Cake' can be quantified with 'slice': 'three slices of cake'. 'Loaves' are for bread, not cake.

## 7. “pieces” (c)

'Luggage' is uncountable. Use 'pieces of luggage' to count items. 'Two pieces of luggage' is correct.

## 8. “glasses” (b)

'Glasses' (meaning spectacles) is always plural: 'my glasses'. For one pair, say 'a pair of glasses'. Here, 'my glasses' is correct.

## 9. “bar” (a)

The standard quantifier for chocolate is 'a bar of chocolate'. 'Cup' is for liquids, 'loaf' is for bread, and 'slice' is mainly for cake or pizza.

## 10. “a sheet” (d)

When 'paper' means the material, it is uncountable. Use 'a sheet of paper' (or 'a piece of paper') to refer to one flat piece. 'A paper' would mean a newspaper or academic article.

## 11. “jeans” (c)

'Jeans' is always plural. 'These jeans are' is correct. You cannot say 'a jean'. Use 'a pair of jeans' for one item.

## 12. “piece of evidence” (b)

'Evidence' is uncountable. To refer to one item, use 'a piece of evidence'. Never say 'an evidence' or 'evidences'.

## 13. “pieces” (a)

'Furniture' is uncountable. Use 'pieces of furniture' (or 'items of furniture') to count. 'Five pieces of furniture' is correct. Note: 'item' needs the plural 'items' with 'five'.

## 14. “tubes” (d)

'Toothpaste' is uncountable. The standard container quantifier is 'a tube of toothpaste' — 'two tubes of toothpaste'. 'Loaves' are only for bread.

**15. “I have two pairs of shoes by the door.” (c)**

'Shoes' is countable and usually comes in pairs. 'Two pairs of shoes' specifies four individual shoes (two pairs). Both 'pair' and 'shoes' must be plural here.

**16. “more sugar” (a)**

'Sugar' (the substance) is uncountable. We say 'more sugar', not 'more sugars' or 'many sugars'. 'A sugar' is incorrect when talking about adding the substance to food.

**17. “articles” (b)**

'News' and 'information' are uncountable and cannot follow 'several'. 'Article' is countable: 'several articles'. This is the countable alternative for counting news items.

**18. “a piece of news” (d)**

'News' is uncountable. To refer to one item of news, say 'a piece of news'. Never say 'a news' or 'newses'.

**19. “pair of glasses” (b)**

'Glasses' (spectacles) is always plural and takes a plural verb ('my glasses are'). But the stem uses 'is', so only 'pair of glasses' works — 'my pair of glasses is getting old'.

**20. “pieces” (c)**

'Information' is uncountable. Use 'pieces of information' to count multiple items. 'Several pieces of useful information' is correct.