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Respond to the following questions:

1. Show the difference between countable and uncountable nouns (definitions and examples are necessary for each).

Answer

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countable & Uncountable nouns¹

Countable & Uncountable nouns (1)

Nouns can be countable or uncountable. When you learn a new noun you should make a note of whether it is countable or uncountable as we use different words with countables and uncountables.

Countable nouns

¹ <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-reference/countable-uncountable-nouns-1>

- *There is a cat in the garden.*
- *There are some birds in the trees.*

For positive sentences we can use **a/an** or **some** (with a plural verb form)

- *There isn't a dog in the garden.*
- *There aren't any birds in the tree.*

For negatives we can use **a/an** or **any** (with a plural verb form).

- *Is there an orange on the tree?*
- *Are there any chairs in the garden?*
- *How many chairs are there?*

In questions we use **a/an**, **any** or **how many**.

Uncountable nouns

- *There is some milk on the floor.*

Uncountable nouns have no plural. The verb form is singular and we use **some**.

- *Is there any sugar?*
- *How much wine is there?*

In questions we can use **any** or **how much**.

Other expressions of quantity

- *There are a lot of apples on the trees.*
- *There is a lot of snow on the road.*

A lot of can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns.

- ~~*Bill Gates has much money.*~~

Notice that we don't usually use '**much**' or '**many**' in positive sentences. We use '**a lot of**'.

- *Bill Gates has a lot of money.*
- *There's a lot of beer but there isn't much wine.*
- *There are a lot of carrots but there aren't many potatoes.*

We use **not many** with countable nouns and **not much** with uncountable nouns.

Some nouns can be both countable and uncountable, depending on how they are used, and some nouns are commonly confused. These are covered in another section.

2. Write elaborately on:

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American and British English can be distinguished in vocabulary. Provide your answer with many examples

Answer

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Definitions²

- **American English (AmE)** is the form of English used in the United States. It includes all English [dialects](#) used within the United States.
- **British English (BrE)** is the form of English used in the United Kingdom. It includes all English dialects used within the United Kingdom.

Written forms of American and British English as found in newspapers and textbooks vary little in their essential features, with only occasional noticeable differences in comparable media^[1] (comparing American newspapers to British newspapers, for example). This kind of formal English, particularly written English, is often called 'standard English'.^{[2][3]} An unofficial standard for *spoken* American English has also developed, as a result of mass media and geographic and [social mobility](#), and broadly describes the English typically heard from network [newscasters](#), commonly referred to as non-regional [diction](#), although local newscasters tend toward more [parochial](#) forms of speech. [15] Despite this unofficial standard, regional variations of American English have not only persisted but have actually intensified, according to linguist [William Labov](#).^[citation needed]

Regional dialects in the United States typically reflect the elements of the language of the main immigrant groups in any particular region of the country, especially in terms of pronunciation and [vernacular](#) vocabulary. Scholars have mapped at least four major regional variations of spoken American English: Northern, Southern, [Midland](#), and Western.^[4] After the [American Civil War](#), the settlement of the western territories by migrants from the east led to dialect mixing and levelling, so that regional dialects are most strongly differentiated in the eastern parts of the country that were settled earlier. Localized dialects also exist with quite distinct variations, such as in Southern Appalachia and New York.

Provide examples as possible

Other sources are acceptable if they fully provide support for the difference