

- 1 La maggior parte dei nomi possiede forme singolari e plurali:

**house/houses dog/dogs man/men**

Questi nomi vengono chiamati numerabili, perché si possono contare:

*one house two dogs three men*

Si possono usare **a, the, e some** con i nomi numerabili:

	SINGOLARE	PLURALE
<b>a:</b>	<b>a</b> house	~
<b>the:</b>	<b>the</b> house	<b>the</b> houses
<b>some:</b>	~	<b>some</b> houses

- 2 Alcuni nomi possiedono solo una forma:

**water bread petrol rain tennis**

Questi si chiamano non numerabili, perché non si possono contare (vedi la Tavola B a pag. 322).

Osserva questa figura:



**rain** (non numerabile)      **cars** (numerabile)

Non si usano **a** o **one, two, three** ecc. prima dei nomi non numerabili, ma si possono usare **the** e **some**:

**a:** We need to buy bread and sugar.  
**some:** Let's stop the car. We need **some** petrol.  
**the:** Look at **the** rain!

- 3 Ecco una lista di nomi comuni non numerabili, e alcune delle parole che si usano davanti a loro:

a { glass bottle carton }	of { water milk }	a cup of { tea coffee }
a spoonful of	{ sugar coffee }	
a { slice piece }	of { cake bread toast cheese }	
a piece of	{ luggage information news advice homework }	some { money petrol snow }

Si può usare **some** con tutte queste parole. Si usano anche **grams/kilos/litres** ecc. nei negozi:

*Can I have two litres of milk, please?*

- 4 Alcuni nomi possono essere sia numerabili che non numerabili:

NON NUMERABILI

*I like tea.*

*Her hair is red.*

*I haven't got time.*

*I always have sugar in my tea.*

NUMERABILI

*I'll have two teas, please. (due tazze di tè)*

*There's a hair in my tea.*

*We had a good time.*

*Three sugars in my tea, please.*

## Esercizi

- A Cerchia i nomi non numerabili.

house	cat	cheese	car	coat	snow	lemon
advice	clock	table	tea	ball	museum	apple
painting	petrol	news	cigar	teacher	film	rain
holiday	office	bed	pen	sugar	homework	watch
tennis	doctor	cinema	luggage	chair	banana	information
cup	coffee	shoe	shirt	money	exam	hour
city	park	toast	sock	nose	water	school
bread	book	jumper	cloud	milk	bike	television

**B** Metti la parola giusta nelle frasi seguenti.

- 0 (slice, piece, cup) I'd like a ..... *cup* ..... of coffee, please.  
1 (glass, slice, spoonful) Would you like a ..... of cheese on your toast?  
2 (pieces, cups, bottles) My father gave me two ..... of advice.  
3 (slice, carton, piece) Could you buy a ..... of milk at the shops?  
4 (spoonful, piece, cup) That was a difficult ..... of homework!  
5 (glass, piece, slice) Would you give me a ..... of water, please?  
6 (slices, cups, pieces) How many ..... of luggage do you have?  
7 (spoonfuls, glasses, cups) I normally take three ..... of sugar in my tea.  
8 (pieces, slices, litres) I've just put twenty ..... of petrol in the car.  
9 (piece, slice, glass) I need a ..... of information.  
10 (piece, packet, slice) I'd like a ..... of coffee, please.

**C** Nelle frasi seguenti, cancella **a/an** se è sbagliato e sostituisilo con **some**. Se è corretto, metti il segno (✓).

- 0 Can you give me ~~a~~ ..... *some* ..... information, please?  
0 I bought a ..... ✓ ..... suitcase in town this morning.  
1 We need to go to the bank for a ..... money.  
2 I'm going to have a ..... holiday in Scotland this year.  
3 Can you see a ..... skier on the mountain?  
4 Drive carefully! There's a ..... snow on the road.  
5 I had a ..... bad news this morning.  
6 I'd like a ..... petrol, please.  
7 Can you give me an ..... advice about the exam?  
8 Shall I buy you a ..... newspaper?  
9 We must buy a ..... bread for the weekend.

**D** Inserisci una parola negli spazi dei seguenti dialoghi.

- A: Are you coming to the cinema this evening?  
B: No, I haven't got <sup>0</sup> ..... *time* ..... I'm very busy at the moment.  
A: Is that your brother?  
B: No, my brother's much taller and his hair <sup>1</sup> ..... brown, not black.  
A: How many <sup>2</sup> ..... do you have in your tea?  
B: I don't drink tea. Could you give me a glass <sup>3</sup> ..... water, please?  
A: Did you have <sup>4</sup> ..... good time last night?  
B: I didn't go out. My teacher gave me <sup>5</sup> ..... homework to do.  
A: What did your mother say to you?  
B: Oh, she just gave me <sup>6</sup> ..... piece of advice. She told me to take <sup>7</sup> ..... money in traveller's cheques.