

The Dictionary & Grammar



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Countable & Uncountable

after the abbreviation (**n**) you will find [**C**] or [**U**].

[**C**] refers to countable noun.

- It can follow the indefinite article (**a**).
- It can be singular or plural.
- Irregular Noun Plurals.

[U] refers to uncountable noun

- It refers to a substance or a mass or a quality which cannot be counted.
- It cannot follow the indefinite article (a).

BE AWARE:

*If there's no indication of [C] or [U] in noun entry, then it's an ordinary countable noun.

* Sometimes *Uncountable* noun can be used with the indefinite article 'a' even though don't usually have a plural (dictionary will tell).

* Some *countable* nouns when plural, have a special meaning which is quite different from the usual singular meaning (dictionary will tell).

Irregular Noun Plurals

- * In most purals noun we *add* ' *s* ' to the end.
- * In Some we add ' *es* or *ies* '.
- * In some *exceptions*, the dictionary shows the correct plural form in brackets, with abbreviation *pl.*

Comparative & Superlative Forms of Adjectives

The Comparative & Superlative forms of Adjectives can be formed in one of the following 3 ways:

1- Three -syllable adj. & some two- syllable adj. use more & most

Ex: Expensive more expensive most expensive

2- One-syllable adj. & some two- syllable adj.
we add r /er & st/est

Ex: pure purer purest

small smaller smallest

happy happier happiest

3- Irregular forms

Ex: Good	better	best
bad	worse	worst

*The dictionary will give the full info. if the **adj.** like no.2 Or 3 in brackets at the beginning of the entry & if it's not the **adj.** is like no.1

Verb Forms

There 4 main verb forms:

- 1- Infinitive(*inf*) to + verb.
- 2- Past Tense (*pt*) (for regular verb & infinitive we add *ed*).
- 3- Past Participle (*pp*) (for regular verb & infinitive we add *ed*).
- 4- Present participle (*pres part*) (infinitive + *ing*).

Spelling Changes in Verbs

When the dictionary gives no info. about verb forms, it's indicates that the verb is **regular**. however sometimes regular verbs require spelling changes when making the different verb forms. This will be given at the begining of the entry.

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Ex: 56 & the note

Irregular Verbs

all the information about irregular verb is given at the beginning of the entry.

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Finding Infinitives

You can search for the infinitive of irregular verb at the dictionary if you know only any other verb forms.