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1. The __________ are in the cupboard on the left.
a) milk  
b) bread  
c) rice  
d) beans

2. Which of the following is NOT correct? Would you like another slice of ____________?
a) bread  
b) milk  
c) cake  
d) ham

3. There were __________ mistakes in my homework this week.
a) fewer  
b) less  
c) much  
d) little

4. Which of the following is NOT correct? “The guidebook was full of useful ____________,
   like where to find a good restaurant or a cheap place to stay”
a) advices  
b) advice  
c) pieces of advice  
d) tips and advice

5. Which of the following is a countable noun?
a) Music  
b) Money  
c) Information  
d) job

6. Which of the following is NOT correct? Would you like __________ wine?
a) some  
b) a  
c) a glass of  
d) a little
Quiz topic: Countables & uncountables (the answers)

1. The __________ are in the cupboard on the left.
   a) milk
   b) bread
   c) rice
   **d) beans**

   a) Milk is uncountable so you cannot say ‘are’. You can have 2 glasses of milk or 2 pints of milk, but you cannot have 2 milks.
   b) Bread is uncountable so you cannot say ‘are’. You can have 2 loaves of bread, but not 2 breads.
   c) Rice is uncountable so you cannot say ‘are’. You can have 50 grammes of rice, but not 500 rice.
   **d) Beans are countable and here they are plural, so we say ‘are’**.

2. Which of the following is NOT correct? Would you like another slice of ____________?
   a) bread
   **b) milk**
   c) cake
   d) ham

   a) When you cut bread, you cut it into slices.
   **b) You cannot slice milk – it’s a liquid!**
   c) When you cut cake, you cut it into slices.
   d) When you cut ham, you cut it into slices.

3. There were __________ mistakes in my homework this week.
   a) fewer
   b) less
   c) much
   d) little

   a) When using a countable noun like ‘mistakes’, you should say ‘fewer’ e.g. fewer people
   b) When using an uncountable you should say ‘less’ e.g. less water
   c) Much is not correct
   d) Little is not correct
4. Which of the following is NOT correct? “The guidebook was full of useful __________,
like where to find a good restaurant or a cheap place to stay”

a) advices
b) advice
c) pieces of advice
d) tips and advice

a) Advice is uncountable, so you cannot say ‘advices’.
b) Advice is uncountable – so this is correct.
c) To make advice countable, we say a piece of advice – this is correct.
d) A tip is a small handy piece of advice – this is correct.

5. Which of the following is a countable noun?

a) Music
b) Money
c) Information
d) job

a) Music is uncountable – you can say ‘What lovely music’ or ‘What a lovely piece of music’
b) Money is uncountable – you can say ‘I haven’t got much money’
c) Information is uncountable – you can say ‘They didn’t give much information’
d) Job is countable – You can say ‘What a great job’, compare this with ‘work’
which is uncountable ‘What terrible work’

6. Which of the following is NOT correct? Would you like __________ wine?

a) some
b) a
c) a glass of
d) a little

a) When we offer something to someone we usually use ‘some’.
b) We can say ‘a beer’, ‘a coffee’ but we usually don’t say ‘a wine’
c) You can offer someone ‘ a glass of wine’.
d) It’s very usual to offer someone ‘a little wine’