

One or Many?

Sort nouns by how many they name.

2.L.GC.1 "Grammar, Usage, & Mechanics: Learn and apply conventions of Standard English grammar, usage, and mechanics to aid the comprehension of texts and to communicate clearly in written and spoken language."

NAME _____

DATE _____

ONE NOUN

A singular noun names one person, place, animal, or thing.

a drummer

MORE NOUNS

A plural noun names more than one person, place, animal, or thing.

several stars

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle SINGULAR or PLURAL for each item, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

1. one turtle

SINGULAR

PLURAL

2. five kites

SINGULAR

PLURAL

3. two crayons

SINGULAR

PLURAL

4. a mountain

SINGULAR

PLURAL

5. one cookie

SINGULAR

PLURAL

6. four windows

SINGULAR

PLURAL

7. a backpack

SINGULAR

PLURAL

8. an acorn

SINGULAR

PLURAL

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new singular noun example and one new plural noun example.

SINGULAR _____

PLURAL _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with one singular noun and one plural noun. Then name the singular noun and the plural noun.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	one turtle	SINGULAR	Turtle names one animal.
2	five kites	PLURAL	Kites names more than one thing.
3	two crayons	PLURAL	Crayons names more than one thing.
4	a mountain	SINGULAR	Mountain names one place.
5	one cookie	SINGULAR	Cookie names one thing.
6	four windows	PLURAL	Windows names more than one thing.
7	a backpack	SINGULAR	Backpack names one thing.
8	an acorn	SINGULAR	Acorn names one thing.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SINGULAR:** a feather
- **PLURAL:** six candles

Challenge: The rabbit hopped past the trees. Singular: rabbit. Plural: trees.

For Part 2, students should explain that a singular noun names one and a plural noun names more than one. Accept different correct examples in Part 3 and the challenge.