One or Many?

Sort nouns by how many they name.

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

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