**Singular / Plural Grammar Tutorial Worksheet**

**For the Tutor**

Some nouns are both countable and noncountable, depending on the meaning of the word and the situation in which the word is used. Generally, if a noun can be made plural, it is countable—but not always. For example, *intelligence* is generally considered noncountable. Yet it is now common to discuss Howard Gardner’s *theory of multiple intelligences* in an academic atmosphere. This can cause confusion for your ESL writers. Distinguishing between nouns that are countable, noncountable, or both is a lengthy and difficult task for most L2 writers of English and must be learned by experience.

**For the ESL Writer**

Study the following:

SOME NOUNS THAT ARE BOTH COUNTABLE AND NONCOUNTABLE

water hair work

truth light soda

money intelligence email

candy cake room

EXAMPLES

* Would you like some of this chocolate *cake*? (noncountable)
* We baked three *cakes* for the fundraiser. (countable)
* This room needs more *light*. (noncountable)
* In some *lights*, Pa looks blonde. (countable)
* *Email* is Sothea’s preferred method of communication. (noncountable)
* How many *emails* did you receive when you were on vacation? (countable)

Correct the following:

PRACTICE SENTENCES

* How many *soda* did you order?
* Have you read the complete *work* of Emily Dickinson?
* Does Huii have enough *rooms* at the end of the table?
* Shakiba had her *hairs* cut and styled yesterday.
* Ricardo strongly believes in telling the *truths*.