

Grammar and Vocabulary

Lesson 3 – A

Topic: Contracts

Aim:

1. Understand meanings and practice using words related to contracts appropriately.
2. Review the differences in meaning between Count and Non-Count Nouns.

I. VOCABULARY

Exercise 1: Let's Review Words! (5–6minutes)

Identify the meaning of the underlined words. Choose the best answer from the choices that follow. Practice using the the underlined words in sentences.

1. We do not warrant the accuracy or completeness of such information.
 - a. sure
 - b. rely
 - c. depend
 - d. guarantee

2. You work here on our terms.
 - a. period
 - b. subject
 - c. condition
 - d. time

3. They are more often than not turned off by party politics or even politics generally.
 - a. the person or persons forming one side of an agreement
 - b. a social gathering especially for pleasure or amusement
 - c. a place for fun
 - d. a subscriber

4. The tenant may terminate the agreement at any time by giving two months written notice to quit.
 - a. negotiate
 - b. written
 - c. constitute
 - d. arrangement

5. It was agreed the report should include an appendix on the Dutch system for environmental planning.
 - a. statement
 - b. supplementary material
 - c. term
 - d. sheet

Exercise 2: Let's use the words! (5-7 minutes)

Complete the sentences using the words from the box below.

changes	contract	copy	blank
promises	sign	write	

Signing a Contract

Before you _____ a contract, do the following:

1. Understand what's in the _____.
2. Don't sign if there are _____ spaces.
3. Write all _____ that are made to you on the contract.
4. Make any _____ before signing.
5. Get a _____ when you sign it.

II. Grammar Review

Topic: Differences in meaning between Count and Non-Count Nouns.

PROBLEM: Some nouns have different count and non-count meanings.

SOLUTION: Pay attention to the meanings of the noun.

EXAMPLES:

Incorrect : **Coffee** is activating my nerves.

Correct : **Five cups of coffee** are activating my nerves. (count)

Correct : **Coffee** improves short-term memory . (non-count)

Explanation: **Five cups of coffee** is countable because it means five individual nonliving things. **Coffee** for activating nerves is a non-count noun like food. Nouns, such as light or hair, change meanings depending on whether they are count or non-count nouns.

For example:

Non-count : There's not enough light to read from.

Count : The street lights go on at dusk.

	noun phrase	v	noun phrase	prep phrase
Non-count	Coffee	improves	short-term memory.	
Count	Five cups of coffee	are activating	my nerves	in the body.

- Incorrect : The store sells many different **fruit**.
- Correct : The store sells many different **fruits**. (count)
- Correct : The store sells many different **kinds of fruit**. (non-count)
- Explanation : The non-count noun **fruit** can be a plural noun when it refers to different varieties of fruit. The non-count fruit can be used with a countable quantity kinds of.

	Noun phrase	v	Adv	adj	n	prep	n
Non-count	The store	sells	many	different	kinds	of	fruit.
Count	The store	sells	many	different	fruits.		

Exercise 1: Let's try this out!

Error recognition

Identify the one underlined word or phrase that should be corrected or rewritten. Then, write the correct sentence.

1. We hold these truth to be self-evident.
A B C D
2. Most men in my families don't wear jewelry.
A B C D
3. We need money to buy new furnitures for our bedroom.
A B C D
4. Jorge sent me informations about Chilean wines.
A B C D

References:

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