Count and Non-count Nouns

Count Nouns
Countable nouns are people or things that we are able to count.

Examples:
The tree
A kitten
An avocado

Singular countable nouns
The is used before specific countable nouns. In other words, the speaker and listener both know which one is being referred to.

Examples:
Her daughter read a book under the tree.
Will you feed the kitten for me?
He can eat the avocado if he wants to.

A/An is used before general countable nouns. It is similar to using "one" before a noun.

Examples:
Our neighbors always plant a tree on Earth Day.
Her father said she could get a kitten if she promised to take care of it.
I would like to eat an avocado with dinner.

Plural countable nouns
Plural nouns do not use a/an (since a/an is similar to "one.") Most of the time plural nouns will not use an article.

Examples:
The driveway is lined with trees.
Most kittens have a lot of energy.
Avocados are rich in vitamins and healthy fats.

The is used before specific plural countable nouns.

Examples:
We need to trim the trees that stand along the street.
Have the kittens been weaned?
It will take two or three more days for the avocados to ripen.
Non-Count Nouns

Uncountable Nouns are materials, abstractions, and other things that can't be counted. They are not considered as separate objects.

Examples:

Most plastics are produced from petroleum.
Many people value honesty in their interpersonal relationships.
I will be completely out of energy until I drink another cup of coffee.
There is an incredible amount of electricity in a lightning storm.

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