

Sort these nouns into either countable or uncountable:

air, bird, building, excitement, house, lake
nature, noise, people, pollution, school, sunshine,
tree, water

countable	uncountable

Fill in the table with the words:

a lot of, not many, or not much

	city	countryside
people		
excitement		
buildings		
schools		
houses		
nature		
trees		
birds		
fresh water		
lakes		
fresh air		
pollution		
sunshine		
noise		

Next, listen to the story and check your answers.

Answers

Recently, I moved from a big city to a small village in the countryside.

I really miss the big city. In the city, there were a lot of people, but in this small village, there aren't many people. In the city, there was a lot of excitement. But in the countryside, there isn't much excitement. In the countryside there aren't many buildings. There aren't many schools, and there aren't many houses.

On the other hand, some things about the countryside are nice. There is a lot of nature in the countryside. There are a lot of trees, and a lot of birds. There is a lot of fresh water in the countryside, there are a lot of lakes, and a lot of rivers. Also, there is a lot of fresh air, and there isn't much pollution. There is a lot of sunshine, but there isn't much noise.

	city	countryside
people	a lot of	not many
excitement	a lot of	not much
buildings	a lot of	not many
schools	a lot of	not many
houses	a lot of	not many
nature	not much	a lot of
trees	not many	a lot of
birds	not many	a lot of
fresh water	not much	a lot of
lakes	not many	a lot of
fresh air	not much	a lot of
pollution	a lot of	not much
sunshine	not much	a lot of
noise	a lot of	not much