

Needs analysis and countable/ uncountable presentation

Interview each other in pairs, making a few notes in each of the spaces below about the past, present and future of each thing. Look on the next page if you run out of ideas.

Suggested questions

Do you (usually/ often/ sometimes/ ever) (have to)...?

How often/ much (...)/ many (...)/ long do you.../ have you...?

Have you ever...?

What about before that?

Do you plan to...?/ Would you like to...?

Name (of your partner/ the person being interviewed)
Job(s)
Reading and writing English (inside and outside work)
Speaking and listening to English (inside and outside work)
English studies (inside and outside class, including self-study)
Travel
Hobbies/ Interests/ Free time
Problems/ Trouble using and learning English

Suggested topics

Use the topics below to help with the interview/ continue the interview.

- (Smartphone) apps/ applications
- (Self-study/ Grammar/ Vocabulary/ Text-)books
- Business trips/ Business travel
- (Business English/ company/ conversation school/ language school/ university English) classes/ courses/ lessons
- (Foreign) clients/ customers/ suppliers/ vendors
- (Foreign) colleagues/ coworkers/ workmates
- (Face to face) conversations/ meetings/ negotiations
- (Foreign) countries
- (Group) emails/ Letters
- (English/ Business English/ Speaking) exams/ tests/ qualifications/ certificates
- (Physical) exercise
- Grammar (tenses, etc)
- (Foreign/ Overseas) holidays/ vacations
- (User) manuals
- Media (magazines, newspapers, etc)
- Movies/ TV programmes
- Overtime
- Podcasts/ Radio programmes
- Pronunciation
- Reports
- Self-study (books/ courses)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- Sports
- Study abroad
- Teleconferences/ Videoconferences
- Telephoning/ Phone calls
- Vocabulary (words, phrases, etc)
- (English) websites

Use the questions below to help with/ continue the interviews.

Find the word or words above which are both countable and uncountable. What are the differences between the countable meanings and the uncountable meanings?

Find words which have similar meanings but different grammar (one countable and the other uncountable with the same meaning).

Brainstorm other countable and uncountable nouns..

Suggested questions

Job

How many jobs have you had?

Do you do much overtime?

Do you have (many) foreign colleagues/ clients/ vendors?

Reading and writing English (inside and outside work)

How many English emails do you receive every week?

How many English reports have you written?

How many pages do those reports usually have?

Speaking and listening to English (inside and outside work)

How much listening in English do you do?

How many English movies have you seen without Japanese subtitles?

How many times a week do you speak in English?

How much time do you spend speaking English (every week)?

How many (face to face) meetings in English have you attended?

How much telephoning do you do in English?

How many English language telephone calls have you received?

How many English language teleconferences have you taken part in?

Do you have many foreign colleagues in your office?

English studies (inside and outside class, including self-study)

How many years have you been studying English?

How much self-study do you do?

How many English books do you have in your house?

Do you have many (English) apps do you have on your smartphone?

How many times have you taken TOEIC?

Have you learnt much vocabulary this year?

How many English words do you learn every week?

Travel

How many foreign countries have you been to?

How much time have you spent overseas?

How many overseas business trips have you taken?

How much travelling do you do in your job?

Hobbies/ Interests/ Free time

Do you have much free time?

How much exercise do you do?

Trouble using and learning English

How much trouble do you have with English pronunciation?

Have you had many problems communicating in English?

Ask about any questions above which you don't understand or don't know how to answer.

Without looking above, fill in the questions below with “much”/ “many” and an “-s” if necessary. If “-s” is incorrect, put a cross (“X”) in the space given.

Job

How _____ job _____ have you had?
Do you do _____ overtime _____?
Do you have (_____) foreign colleague _____ / client _____ / vendor _____?

Reading and writing English (inside and outside work)

How _____ English email _____ do you receive every week?
How _____ English report _____ have you written?
How _____ page _____ do those reports usually have?

Speaking and listening to English (inside and outside work)

How _____ listening _____ in English do you do?
How _____ English movie _____ have you seen (without subtitles)?
How _____ time _____ a week do you speak in English?
How _____ time _____ do you spend speaking English (every week)?
How _____ (face to face) meeting _____ in English have you attended?
How _____ telephoning _____ do you do in English?
How _____ English language telephone call _____ have you received?
How _____ English language teleconference _____ have you taken part in?
Do you have _____ foreign colleague _____ in your office?

English studies (inside and outside class, including self-study)

How _____ year _____ have you been studying English?
How _____ self-study _____ do you do?
How _____ English book _____ do you have in your house?
Do you have _____ (English) app _____ do you have on your smartphone?
How _____ time _____ have you taken TOEIC?
Have you learnt _____ vocabulary _____ this year?
How _____ English word _____ do you learn every week?

Travel

How _____ foreign country _____ have you been to?
How _____ time _____ have you spent overseas?
How _____ overseas business trip _____ have you taken?
How _____ travelling _____ do you do in your job?

Hobbies/ Interests/ Free time

Do you have _____ free time _____?
How _____ exercise _____ do you do?

Trouble using and learning English

How _____ trouble _____ do you have with English pronunciation?
Have you had _____ problem _____ communicating in English?

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