

Common mistakes with nouns

In this article, we will explain some common mistakes in the use of nouns.

Incorrect: I would like to buy some furnitures.

Correct: I would like to buy some furniture.

Incorrect: Have you got any informations?

Correct: Have you got any information?

Incorrect: Have you packed your luggages?

Correct: Have you packed your luggage?

Incorrect: Is there any breads?

Correct: Is there any bread? OR Are there any loaves?

Explanation: Nouns like scenery, furniture, news, information, luggage and bread are always used in the singular. They do not have a plural form.

Incorrect: He told these news to me.

Correct: He told me this news.

Explanation: The noun news is only used in the singular. So, we cannot use these before news. When a verb (e.g. told) takes two objects, we prefer to put the indirect object (e.g. me) before the direct object (e.g. this news). Note that the indirect object is usually a person as in the above example.

Incorrect: The government should pay attention to the problems of the poors.

Correct: The government should pay attention to the problems of the poor.

Incorrect: He provided the blinds with food.

Correct: He provided the blind with food.

Explanation: Expressions like the poor, the dead, the blind, the unemployed are always plural. You don't have to say the poors or the blinds