

Plural uncountable nouns

Some uncountable nouns are plural. They have no singular forms with the same meaning, and cannot be used with numbers. Common examples are: *arms, groceries, goods, customs, clothes, thanks, regards, police* etc.

Have you bought the groceries? (NOT Have you bought the grocery?) (NOT Have you bought a grocery?) (NOT Have you bought two grocery?)

The police are looking for a white male in his forties. (NOT The Police is looking for a white male in his forties.)

Thanks for your help. (NOT Thank for your help.) (But you can say: Thank you for your help.)

Other plural uncountable nouns include *trousers, jeans, pyjamas (US pajamas), pants, scissors, spectacles, glasses* etc.

The trousers are hanging in the cupboard. (NOT The trouser is hanging in the cupboard.) (But you can say: A pair of trousers is hanging in the cupboard.)

Scissors are in the drawer. (NOT Scissor is in the drawer.) (But you can say: A pair of scissors is in the drawer.)

The expressions *the British, the Dutch, the English, the French, the Irish, the Spanish and the Welsh* are also plural.

The Irish are proud of their sense of humor. (NOT The Irish is proud of its sense of humor.)