The easiest way to check if a noun is countable or uncountable is to see if we can add a number to it without adding anything else. If we need to add a unit of measurement (eg. *litre*, *hour*, *dollar*, *glass*, *box*, *loaf*) in order to add the number, it means it's uncountable.

Najprostszy sposób na to, żeby sprawdzić, czy rzeczownik jest policzalny czy nie, to sprawdzić, czy możemy dodać do niego liczebnik bez dodawania czegokolwiek innego. Jeśli musimy dodać jakąś "jednostkę miary", oznacza to, że rzeczownik jest niepoliczalny.

For example:

- How many pencils do you have?
- *Two*. The noun is countable.
- How much water did you drink?
- *Two glasses*. We need to add a unit of measurement. The noun is uncountable.
- How much rice did you buy?
- *One box.* The noun is uncountable.

Let's try to apply this rule to examples from exercise 1a from page 36 in Student's Book.

Spróbujmy zastosować tę zasadę do przkładów z zadania 1a na s. 36 w podręczniku.

1. country

Lithuania and Latvia are two neighbouring countries.

The noun is countable.

2. time

- -How much time do we have?
- Two hours.

The noun is uncountable.

BUT:

You'll have to repeat this process three or four times before you see any results.

Here, *time* is countable.

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time = czas --- uncountable
time = raz --- countable
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3. money

- How much money do you have?
- Ten pounds.

The noun is uncountable. *Dollars, pounds, euros* etc. are countable.

4. colour

The flag of Germany has three colours.

The noun is countable.

NOTE: Very rarely *colour* is used as an uncountable noun.

Zdarza się, choć bardzo rzadko, że *colour* używane jest jako rzeczownik niepoliczalny.

- How much colour are we going to use?
- Not much. I think the poster should be mostly black and white.

This conversation is not about using three, four or more different colours, it's about how colourful the poster should be. *Colour* is used more generally here.

Ta rozmowa nie dotyczy użycia trzech, czterech czy więcej kolorów. Dotyczy tego, jak kolorowy powinien być plakat. *Colour* jest tutaj użyte w bardziej ogólnym zaczeniu.

5. **area** (= obszar; także: obszar zainteresowań)

There are two industrial areas in my city.

This noun is countable.

6. language

I can speak two foreign languages.

This noun is countable.