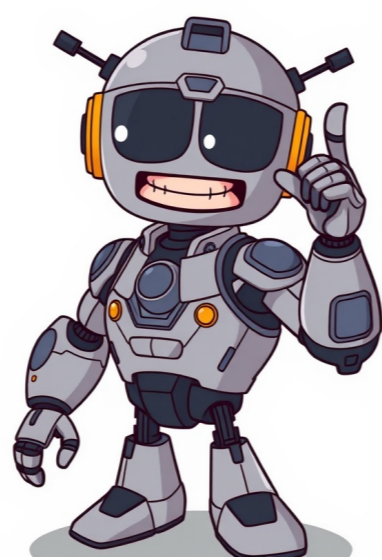


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I recently came across an article that highlighted the difference between three words: all-weather, all-day, and all-time. The author pointed out that many people use these terms interchangeably, but they actually have distinct meanings. The term all-weather refers to something that is suitable for any type of weather or climate. For example, a raincoat can be described as an all-weather coat because it is designed to withstand various weather conditions. On the other hand, all-day means something that lasts throughout the entire day, whereas all-time implies something that happens during a particular period or era. The author also shared their experience with weather websites, mentioning that Weather.com was not very user-friendly, while Accuweather was better in terms of accessibility but had more clicks to get to what they wanted. They even joked about how some websites take forever to load. Additionally, the author stumbled upon a subreddit for Windows 11 and mentioned that they were looking for something with no ads and preferred open-source software. Lastly, the author expressed their confusion over the usage of the word "weather" in everyday conversations, specifically whether it's more common to say "What a nice/beautiful weather." or not. However, according to native speakers, this usage is actually grammatically incorrect. It's hard to deny that some people might have heard this before, Gazdi. If we want to say that today's weather was nice, we would say "What a beautiful morning, what a beautiful day." But no article with weather. We sometimes talk about "the weather," but I'm not sure I've ever used "a weather" except when it's being used adjectivally to modify a noun, like in "She is a weather forecaster." I looked at a weather report that made little sense to me. He has a weather-beaten face. Thank you for your help. It was very useful. If a native speaker says "What beautiful weather!" then this is the correct form, there's no doubt about it. Still, the issue with the rule "If the noun is uncountable we should never use the indefinite article" persists because words like "shame" are also uncountable, but using the article in "What a shame!" would be incorrect. This phrase uses a set structure that breaks the general rule about uncountable nouns not taking articles. As you've probably noticed, most language rules have exceptions. Looking at it this way, there's a definition of "shame" used in the countable, singular form. That means "weather" and "shame" aren't exactly the same type of noun, so your objection is invalid. Word Reference dictionary defines "shame" as 5 an occasion for regret or disappointment. It's a shame you can't come with us. Thank you for your answer, but I still have my doubts: How can a noun without a plural form be considered countable? We can't say "two shames," so it must be uncountable ("sheep" or "fish" are different because we can count them, like "two sheep, three fish"). I'm telling you the right thing. It seems you already know many exceptions to your rules. By the way, in some contexts, it is correct to say two sheep and three fishes (different kinds of sheep and three kinds of fish). Thank you for your answer, but I still have my doubts: How can a noun without a plural form be considered countable? We can't speak of "two shames," so it must be uncountable ("sheep" or "fish" are different because we can count them, like "two sheep, three fish"). Maybe shame refers to a feeling (uncountable) and some kind of thing that is unfortunate or regretful (countable). I read here that "weather" can also be countable. Is that wrong? I used to sail in all weathers = in all kinds of weather. The plural form is possible, but rarely. Learners would do well to think of "weather" as uncountable. I used to sail in all weathers = in all kinds of weather. The plural form is possible, but rarely. Learners would do well to think of "weather" as uncountable. If we have kinds of weather, shouldn't "a good weather" be correct like "a good wine"? Still, the problem with the rule "If the noun is uncountable we should never use the indefinite article" lingers on, because e.g. the noun "shame" is also uncountable, but it seems like the phrase "What a shame" is being used in two different ways. On one hand, it's often used to express disappointment or regret, but on the other hand, when used with the indefinite article ("a"), it can take on a different meaning altogether. In this case, the word "shame" refers to an unfortunate event or situation that brings bad luck or misfortune. For instance, someone might say "What a shame!" when they hear about a lost business deal. However, if we remove the indefinite article and just use "What beautiful weather!", it becomes a different story altogether. In this case, the phrase is still idiomatic, but using an exclamation mark makes it more of an exclamatory statement rather than a question. It's worth noting that when used as a standalone exclamation without an article, it's indeed grammatically correct. So, to summarize, "What beautiful weather!" may not be commonly heard from native speakers, but it is indeed idiomatic and grammatically correct in its own right. I'd love to hear more about your thoughts on this topic, especially after reading post 4 and post 6. Have you come across any instances where using an exclamation mark made a difference in the way the phrase was perceived?

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