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## A 数えられる名詞

- ① 普通名詞 (boy, cat, desk, flower, river, week, *etc.*): 同種類のものに共通の名を表す名詞で、単数形と複数形とがある。

1. A fox is a cunning **animal**.
2. There is a **woman** at the door.

- ② 集合名詞 (class, family, audience, team, people, *etc.*): 人や物の集合体を表す名詞で、単数と複数の2通りに扱われる。

3. a. Her **family** is very large. (集合体)  
b. Her **family** are all tall. (構成員)
4. a. There *was* a small **audience**. (集合体)  
b. The **audience** were all foreigners. (構成員)

## B 数えられない名詞

- ① 固有名詞 (Newton, Paris, Spain, Hyde Park, *etc.*): 特定の人・物・場所などを表す名詞で、必ず大文字で書きはじめる。

1. **Mr. Ford** teaches law at **Oxford**.
2. **Canberra** is the capital of **Australia**.

- ② 物質名詞 (milk, bread, sand, gold, fire, *etc.*): 一定の形がない物質や材料を表す名詞で、常に単数形で用いられる。

3. **Diamond** is a precious stone.
4. I want *two pieces of* **chalk**. [◆ two chalks は不可]

☞ その他: *a cup of tea, a sheet of paper, a cake of soap, a bottle of beer, a loaf of bread, a spoonful of sugar, etc.*

- ③ 抽象名詞 (beauty, love, kindness, success, advice, *etc.*): 性質・状態・行為などの抽象概念を表す名詞で、a, an をつけず、また複数形にもしない。

5. A heart shape is the symbol of **love**.
6. He gave me good **advice**. [◆ 「1つの助言」は *a piece of advice*]

## C 名詞の転用 — 数えられない名詞が普通名詞として用いられることがある。

1. I want *an* evening **paper**. 「新聞」 (物質名詞→普通名詞)
2. There are *three* **Yamadas** in our class. 「山田という名の生徒」 (固有名詞→普通名詞)
3. The show was *a* great **success**. 「成功した事」 (抽象名詞→普通名詞)

## EXERCISE 1

I 次の各文中の、下線を引いた名詞の種類を言いなさい。

1. This is a poem of great beauty. ( ) ( )
2. Were there many people at the party? ( ) ( )
3. Diligence is the key to success. ( ) ( )
4. Bob is a member of the basketball team. ( ) ( )
5. I put two spoonfuls of sugar in your coffee. ( ) ( )

II 次の各文の ( ) 内から適切なものを選びなさい。

1. I like (a pear / pears) very much.
2. The bridge is built of (stone / stones).
3. Our class (is / are) all present today.
4. Two (family / families) live in this one house.

III 次の各文の下線部の誤りを正しなさい。

1. My uncle gave me an advice.
2. I want two yellow chalks.
3. She bought three wines at King's Mart.

IV 次の各文の意味を書きなさい。

1. Our chemistry teacher wears glasses.
2. I don't believe in life after death.
3. The cross is the symbol of Christianity.

V 次の各文の ( ) 内の語を並べかえて意味の通る文にしなさい。

1. She (a / of / brought / glass / water / me).
2. I (two / yesterday / of / bought / bread / loaves).
3. He (juice / a / breakfast / glass / drinks / with / of).