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Hi, I am on training or in training ? Thank you, Claude. In the U.S., we say "in training" but I'm not sure about other English-speaking countries. Elizabeth yeah in training not on. If you were on training, you would be using the word on as expressing an action, like you were literally on training like "that boy is on drugs" but if we are involved in something, or doing something it would be in "I am in bed" "I am in training" yeah, I think above reply is right. Correct should be "I am in training" but if it said as "I am on training" means that person is involved in some work or heavily drunk [...] Correct should be "I am in training" but if it said as "I am on training" means that person is involved in some work or heavily drunk I can't work out how "I am on training" has anything to do with being drunk? Guinness-grammar or lager-logorrhea Hi, I would like to phrase an Out Of Office letter. I'm in a training during this week. Please expect some delay in my responses. I'm on training during this week. Please expect a delay in my response. I'm in a course during this week. Please expect some delay in my responses. Which one would be the best? Thank I would like to say: "I am at a training course this week". Also note the correct spelling of "please". I don't think you want to invite people to a delay, i.e. "Please expect a delay. I'm at a training course this week (from cropie_jnr), so there may be a delay in my responses. Even then, I would be wondering about your responses how? By phone, by email, by signal flare? If you know how, perhaps you can plug it in: I'm at a training course this week, so there may be a delay in my replying to phone and email messages. Hello, Here's the context: a new committee has been created in a company. A consultant is invited to provide a one-day training (for the members of the committee) in/on the missions and operation of the committee. Could you please tell me which preposition is right? Many thanks! Both are correct, but my ear prefers "on" for some reason. ...and "a one-day training course in/on" or "a day of training in/on". Cropie is right, but my ears prefer "in". Take your pick! I wasn't expecting such an answer...but ok! I'll go for either one without worrying about anyone's ears/cheers! I will jump in to disagree here. For the context you have given I would say 'training in'. I would say 'training in' for any abstract training, training in a concept or any kind of mental information. I would use 'training on' only for specific objects/machinery etc. Examples: Have you been trained in customer services? Have you been trained on the new phones? This isn't a 'rule' of any sort but it always works so if you're unsure just bear it in mind. Here's the context: a new committee has been created in a company. A consultant is invited to provide a one-day training (for the members of the committee) in/on the missions and operation of the committee. Hi!! I'd say training in but as others have said, you can be a bit flexible with the preposition. I also agree that there's something missing like course or event. Out of curiosity, what's the French? "Training" and prepositions: to train in - To be better in something. "She trained in pediatrics", "I don't have any training in interior decorating". to train on - To educate someone in the use of something. "We trained him on the high diving board". [...] Last edited by a moderator: Nov 18, 2019 On dit et on crit aussi sur la prise en charge. Peut tre que ce n'est pas aussi correct et ligant mais on l'crit. Votre rponse est brve tant et si bien que je n'arrive pas saisir sa signification Dans la phrase que vous donnez, sur me parait impossible aussi bien l'crit qu' l'oral. NB: on peut dire "se former sur le tas" ou "avoir l'orm sur le tas" ce qui veut dire apprendre son mter directement sur son lieu de travail sans avoir eu de formation préalable, mais le sens diffrent. Last edited: Nov 28, 2021 You are using an out of date browser. It may not display this or other websites correctly. You should upgrade or use an alternative browser. Thread starter Word boy Start date Sep 22, 2021 Hello, I'd like to make sure that the word "training" is uncountable and that it is always used in the form of "training (without 's') or "a training". 1. Training can be done in various ways. 2. A training can be done in various ways. 3. Trainings can be done in various ways. I think 1 and 2 are correct, and 3 is incorrect. Am I right? If 3 is a mistake, is there any chance that a native speaker of English make such a mistake? (Actually, it is described in a document from Australia.) Replies from native speakers would be appreciated. Hello SS. As far as I (personally) am concerned, training is only an uncountable noun - which would make only your sentence 1 correct. To make it countable you need to add words here and there: A course of training can be done ... Training periods are held ... etc. It's a failing in English. Native speakers make all kinds of weird and wonderful mistakes - anything's possible! It's a failing in English. Not at all. It's just the way things are. I have seen "training" used as a shorthand for "a training session", and therefore "trainings" becomes possible. I don't like this though, it doesn't sound good at all. :S Thank you for your reply, ewie and Welsie! So... let me confirm. - Although one of online English-Japanese dictionaries, which is called "Excite", says that "training" is used in the form of "training" or "a training", it is wrong. "Training" is never used with "a" unless it is used with other words, like "a course of training" or "a training course". It's unlikely that a dictionary is wrong, but I believe if native speakers says so. - In the document from Australia, "trainings" is used many times, so it is not a careless mistake. The author wrote it intentionally. But it is still possible the author is a native speaker. - Even if native speakers use "trainings", it shouldn't be used in a formal document (based on the fact that a native speaker feels it doesn't sound good). Is all of the above correct? - Although one of online English-Japanese dictionaries, which is called "Excite", says that "training" is used in the form of "training" or "a training", it is wrong. "Training" is never used with "a" unless it is used with other words, like "a course of training" or "a training course". It's unlikely that a dictionary is wrong, but I believe if native speakers says so. Could you please provide some samples of "a training" as used by this and/or other Japanese dictionaries or English teaching books? If you are relying on such a dictionary, I wonder why you asked the question that you did - you must have some doubts about this... In the document from Australia, "trainings" is used many times, so it is not a careless mistake. The author wrote it intentionally. But it is still possible the author is not a native speaker. What "document"? Again, we need some context and preferably some sample sentences to understand and explain. Even if native speakers use "trainings", it shouldn't be used in a formal document (based on the fact that a native speaker feels it doesn't sound good). I know of no native-speakers who use "trainings". Hello everyone, I am wondering if this doesn't come down to regionalism or personal preference. A number of my coworkers were lamenting that even though we went to "a week-long training" ("a training") last year, we are obliged to attend "another training" this year for the same job. I even heard someone say they didn't know why we needed "multiple trainings." It seems that people use the word "training" as a shorter alternative to "a session/course of training (for a job or profession)." Perhaps this sounds wretched to native English speakers of other regions, but it sounds okay to me. However, if the "training" in question were the sort of training that an athlete does before a competition, I would say that this sort of training is not a noun, but a gerund form like "dancing" and is therefore not to be counted or pluralized; to make it a noun I would talk about the training as divided into sessions and the duration of these sessions. "Katherine went to five training sessions a week before the triathlon" is possible, but not "Katherine went to five 'trainings a week.'" (Personally, I would just say "Katherine trained five times a week.") Maybe whether or not "training" is a count or non-count noun comes down to semantic distinctions between different types of training. Well, I have to say I was a little surprised to find over 4 million hits for the google search "trainings -training" and over 12 million for simple "trainings" The use as a countable is quite well established - mainly, it seems, in the context Tacocat mentions it, as a shortened version of "training course" or "training session". We must move in the wrong circles - or we just move in circles while others move on Hello Tacocat, thank you for your reply. Your explanation is easy to understand and very helpful. How about using "a training" or "trainings" in an official document? Does it still sound okay to you? Hello Dimcl, thank you for your reply. Could you please provide some samples of "a training" as used by this and/or other Japanese dictionaries or English teaching books? If you are relying on such a dictionary, I wonder why you asked the question that you did - you must have some doubts about this... This is the dictionary I wrote about, and this is the dictionary I can find which says "a training" is okay. First I didn't post the URL because this is "English Only" forum (and I don't think many people here read Japanese). It says [U] (for a -), which means it is an uncountable noun but it can be used in the form of "a training" too. I do have doubts about the dictionary. That's why I asked here. I mean dictionaries are in general reliable, but I have doubts about this one. What "document"? Again, we need some context and preferably some sample sentences to understand and explain. I mean the document in my first post. It's a business document from Australia. This document describes how to conduct and record staff training in the company. I don't know whether this is written by an Australian because there are many non-native speakers in an multinational company. In the document, it is written that "Trainings can be done in various ways." as I wrote in my first post as Example 3. And in the same document, the author uses "trainings" many times. So it's not a careless mistake. This person thinks "trainings" is okay. So, although you wrote "not" in red letters, what I meant is opposite. In response to ewie's "Native speakers make all kinds of weird and wonderful mistakes", I wanted to confirm that native speakers do make such a mistake (using "trainings"), not as a careless mistake. Hi again, Hmmm... although I have no problem with the colloquial usage of "another training" and "multiple trainings," I would hesitate to use "training" and a count noun in any official context. I would sooner write something like: "A number of Tacocat's coworkers complained of having to attend multiple courses of training/complained of having to repeat their training a second time/complained that they would have to repeat the training (sessions/course) of the previous year." So, basically, since it is perhaps too informal (even for me, an American) to pluralize or count "training" in a formal document, and because several other native speakers from different regions didn't like the way it sounds at all, I would avoid it altogether in official writing and use a formulation like the ones I proposed above. Sometimes there are hard and fast rules for usage of a language, but sometimes the choice is up to the person producing speech or text and is simply a question of style. I suspect that this is more the latter than the former! I see. Thank you very much! JulianStuart, yes, I was surprised when I did the Google search too. Thank you for your help! Last edited: Jul 26, 2009 Hi I also just have a question about whether or not training with s. Now I find the following sentence from The National Immigration Law Centers organizers, attorneys, and analysts perform trainings on myriad issues affecting immigrants, ranging from immigrant access to safety net services to know-your-rights trainings for immigrant worker advocates. Check this page to find out about upcoming trainings and events. Because the website contact () is in US, so it seems like US English use training with s. Thanks Your example reminds me of just how complicated the question actually is. While it is true that the site is a US government site and should be upholding usage of correct English, there are plenty of native speakers who say things in English that look and sound awful to me. People these days say things like "The decision impacted the company," which is a usage that I cannot stand, since "impact" is what one object does to another in a collision. I think they should say "affected" or "made an impact on." There's also the matter that people use made-up words like "conversate" unwittingly, persuaded that they are real and useful (what about "converse?"). People also make typos, or simply make mistakes in grammar and usage. Not everyone who writes and puts something on the Internet is correct. You should be aware of this when doing research on the Internet; this also applies to researching language use. Just because it's there doesn't mean that it's right. I am something of a formalist and believe that there is a correct way to speak and an incorrect one. While many people use "training" in the plural, and you will certainly be understood if you do the same, some people like me, think it sounds wrong. However, people like me (I'm a Ph.D. student) may be educated, but we don't represent the majority of speakers. The thing about language is that it is often in flux, shifting from one model of usage to another, with different groups of people disagreeing about which usage is correct. Language tends to evolve away from old, prescriptive usage into newer forms that reflect how some groups of people speak. For this reason, I am not going to say that "trainings" is wrong, even though I don't think it sounds good, and even though my spell-checker just underlined it in red, indicating that the word with an S isn't in the dictionary. I would recommend using "training sessions" or even "training meetings" or "training courses," or orienting the expression away from "training" altogether. However, I do not represent all English speakers, as you can see from the examples where you found people using it that way. It is your choice as to whether you want to avoid using "trainings" because learned native English speakers like me think it is wrong, just as it is your choice to go ahead and use it because a certain percentage of native speakers use it, even if the rest of us don't agree that it's correct. Probably simpler to stick to "training." 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Do not assume, eamleearner, that everything you read on U.S. websites is good English, especially when the writers are starry-eyed bureaucrats tending to lapse into jargon and gibberish. Last edited: Jan 22, 2013 The page to which you linked (which doesn't have the word "trainings", although it may be somewhere on the site) is that of a law firm. Lawyers are not necessarily grammar authorities. "Trainings" is wrong. Thanks everyone. Ok, so it's either training or training courses. I still have another relevant question. Can I say: I have a/one/another/(nothing) training to take next week? For plural form, I now understand that I should say: I have 2 training courses to take next month. Tacocat's suggested "training meetings" reminds me of someone who says "training seminar or training workshop". Can I say: I have a/one/another/(nothing) training to take next week? In my opinion, none of them, since training is either an adjective or an uncountable noun. The following would be possible: I have a training session next week. I have training sessions next week. I have more training next week. I have a training seminar (if it is a lecture) / training workshop (if you will be performing activities) next week. I have training next week. Thanks Parla. I now complete my training in/on how to use the word 'training'.

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