

LANGUAGE FOCUS: COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS AND QUANTIFIERS

Countable & Uncountable Nouns

Countable Noun	Uncountable Noun
 Can be counted E.g: an apple, a school, 1 picture, 2 pictures, etc	 Can not be counted E.g: sugar, information, water, understanding, etc
Can take singular or plural verbs There is a book on the table. Those houses are very big, aren't they?	Always take singular verbs There is some water in that pitcher.
Go with a/an/the/my, etc in the singular She bought an umbrella.	Do not go with a/an/two, etc Can you hear music?

Countables	Uncountables
Eggs	Milk
Banana	Flour
Olive	Salt
Fries	Sugar
Burger	Jam
Hot dog	Meat
Apple	Rice
Carrots	Honey
Tomatoes	Tea
Watermelon	Cheese

- Countable** nouns refer to separate items that can be in singular or plural forms.
- Uncountable** nouns refer to things that cannot be counted and abstract ideas. They do not have plural forms.

QUANTIFIERS

some, any, a few, a little,
few, little, much, many, a lot of



Exercise 1: Write the words in their correct category.

chef	restaurant	honey	plate	sugar
bread	sausage	coin	rice	oil

Countable	Uncountable

Suggested video links: <https://youtu.be/oj1VlcIU8U>, <https://youtu.be/IYKbY4j9B14>

Suggested exercise link : <https://wordwall.net/play/19141/317/981>

- ✓ Articles (a/an) can only be used for countable nouns.
- ✓ Quantifier (some) can be used for both countable and uncountable nouns.

We use **A** or **AN** with singular nouns.

A is used when a noun starts with a consonant sound;

e.g. a dog, a book, etc.

AN is used when a noun starts with a vowel sound;

e.g. an apple, an hour, etc.

We use **SOME** with countable nouns (only with their plural) and with uncountable nouns.

SOME is used in:

* positive sentences;

e.g. I have got some time.

* questions, expressing requests and offers;

e.g. Would you like some tea?

Can I have some biscuits?

Exercise 2: Complete the dialogue with a, an or some

a	an	some
1. A: Can I have _____ apple?		
B: Sure.		
2. A: What are you eating, my friend?		
B: It's _____ plate of aglio olio pasta made by my mom.		
3. A: I saw _____ beautiful dress in a boutique just now.		
B: Oh, did you buy it?		
4. A: Do you want _____ candies?		
B: Sure, thank you for the offer.		
5. A: Could I have _____ tea?		
B: Sorry my dear, there isn't any left.		
6. A: We need to prepare _____ food for our guest this evening.		
B: Oh okay, I'll help you.		
7. A: You can spread _____ jam on the bread after you toast it.		
B: I will, surely it will add flavour to my toasted bread.		
8. A: I want to bake _____ chocolate cake, but there is no chocolate in the kitchen.		
B: Oh, well, I'll go and buy it.		