

# Grammar

*a / an, some, any*

1 Study the table and copy and complete the rules.

| countable nouns                                 |                                |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| He wrote <b>a</b> book.                         | That's <b>an</b> elephant!     |
| It's home to <b>some</b> rescued animals.       |                                |
| I haven't got <b>a</b> camera.                  |                                |
| There aren't <b>any</b> lions.                  |                                |
| Is that <b>a</b> crocodile?                     | Are there <b>any</b> giraffes? |
| uncountable nouns                               |                                |
| Try <b>some</b> traditional African food.       |                                |
| There wasn't <b>any</b> time to go on a safari. |                                |
| Did you see <b>any</b> wildlife?                |                                |

- a) In affirmative sentences, we use ... with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.  
b) In negative sentences and questions, we use ... with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.

2 Copy and complete the sentences with *a / an, some or any*.

- I'd like ... information please.
- Is there ... airport near the wildlife reserve?
- Shall I bring ... camera?
- Will I see ... wild animals?
- Do I need ... warm clothes?

*much, many, a lot of*

3 Study the table. Then choose the correct words to complete rules a-c.

| countable nouns                                |  |
|------------------------------------------------|--|
| There are <b>a lot of</b> things to do.        |  |
| We didn't see <b>many</b> wild animals.        |  |
| How <b>many</b> endangered species live there? |  |
| uncountable nouns                              |  |
| We had <b>a lot of</b> fun on holiday.         |  |
| There isn't <b>much</b> water in the river.    |  |
| How <b>much</b> time will we have?             |  |

- a) In affirmative sentences, we use **much / a lot of** with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.  
b) In negative sentences and questions, we use **many / much** with plural countable nouns.  
c) In negative sentences and questions, we use **a lot of / much** with uncountable nouns.

4 Look at the picture. Then correct the sentences. Use *a lot of, many and much*.



She hasn't got many clothes.

She has got a lot of clothes.

- She hasn't got much sun cream.
- She's got a lot of mosquito bites.
- There's a lot of space in the room.
- There aren't any mosquitoes.

## Grammar in context: Natural science

5 Read the text about four different vertebrates and choose the correct answers.

What is a vertebrate? It's (1) **a / an** animal with a backbone. Read about these four different types of vertebrates.



- Dolphin: this animal looks like (2) **the / a** fish, but it is actually (3) **a / an** mammal.
- Penguin: this animal (4) **doesn't have any / has** feathers and it spends (5) **much / a lot of** time in water.
- Human being: although this animal doesn't have (6) **much / many** hair on its body, it is (7) **any / a** mammal. Scientists believe it is the (8) **more / most** intelligent animal on Earth!
- Crocodile: this reptile is one of the (9) **older / oldest** animals on Earth. It appeared on this planet as early (10) **than / as** the dinosaurs, more than 200 million years ago!

6  2.06 Listen and check your answers.

### CLIL TASK

Go online. Find the names of four more vertebrates.