

LANGUAGE IN ACTION

Countable and uncountable nouns



Watch video 4.2
What food can you see at the market?
What's his favourite food?

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
Some nouns are countable: you can count them. <i>one tarantula, 50 worms, a taco, an apple</i>	Other nouns are uncountable: you can't count them. <i>chocolate, salt, sugar, meat, garlic</i>

1 Complete the table with the food words in the box.

beans bread carrots cheese eggs
fish juice meat milk rice tomatoes

Countable	Uncountable
<i>beans</i> _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

2 Work with a partner. Add more food words to the table in Exercise 1. How many have you got?

a/an, some/any

Singular countable	Plural countable	Uncountable
Leakena's got ¹ <i>a</i> spider.	Kgosi's got ² _____ worms.	Jorge's got ³ _____ chocolate today.
She hasn't got ⁴ _____ banana.	He hasn't got ⁵ _____ apples.	Kgosi hasn't got ⁶ _____ rice today.
Have you got a spider?	Have you got any worms?	Have you got any chocolate?

3 Complete the examples in the table above. Use the article on page 48 to help you.

4.03 4 Complete the conversation with *a, an, some* or *any*. Listen and check.

CELIA Have we got ¹ *any* food for the party?
OSCAR Let's have a look. Right, we've got
² _____ cheese.
CELIA OK. Have we got ³ _____ bread?
OSCAR Sorry. We haven't got ⁴ _____ bread but
we've got ⁵ _____
pasta.
CELIA Have we got ⁶ _____
fruit or vegetables?
OSCAR We've got ⁷ _____
apple and ⁸ _____
carrot.
CELIA What about drinks?
OSCAR We've got ⁹ _____
water.
CELIA Great. What a party!
I can't wait.



Use it!

- Work with a partner. Change the food and drink words in Exercise 4 and write your own conversation. Practise your conversation.
- Listen carefully to other conversations. Which party do you want to go to?

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