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### Countable and uncountable nouns with *a/an*, *some* and *any*

Some nouns are countable. We can count them and they can become plural, for example *car* (plural: *cars*), *book* (plural: *books*) and *friend* (plural: *friends*).

Other nouns are uncountable. We can't count them and they cannot normally become plural, for example *bread*, *meat*, *paper*.

We use *a/an* before singular, countable nouns.

*There's a banana on the table.*

We use *some* and *any* with uncountable nouns and plural, countable nouns.

- We use *some* in affirmative sentences.  
*We have some onions at home.*  
*There's some bread in my bag.*
- We use *any* in negative sentences and questions.  
*We don't have any oranges.*  
*There isn't any juice in the fridge.*  
*Are there any eggs?*  
*Do you have any cheese?*

When we offer something or ask for something, we use *some*.

*Do you want some water?*

*Can I have some rice?*

Sometimes we use *some* and *any* without a noun.

A: *Do we have any potatoes?*

B: *Yes, there are some in the cupboard.*  
(*some = some potatoes*)

A: *Can we have lamb for dinner?*

B: *No, we don't have any. (any = any lamb)*

**9** Look at the grammar box again. Choose the correct option (a–b) to complete these rules.

- 1 We use *a/an* before:  
a countable nouns.      b uncountable nouns.
- 2 We use *some* and *any* with:  
a singular nouns.      b plural nouns and uncountable nouns.
- 3 We normally use *any* with:  
a affirmative sentences.      b negative sentences and questions.