

COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS / SOME AND ANY



Most common nouns are countable. They have both singular and plural forms.

cushion - cushions

Other common nouns are uncountable. They have a singular, but no plural form.

water

positive: *some*

countable

There are **some shoes** on the floor.

uncountable

There's **some money** in my purse.

negative: *any*

countable

There aren't **any** bottles.

uncountable

There isn't **any** water.

questions: *any*

countable

Are there **any** posters?

uncountable

Is there **any** music?

A/an means one, but some replaces a/an when we are talking about more than one thing or about uncountable nouns.

We use some/any:

A with plural countable nouns. → **some books**

B with uncountable nouns. → **some milk**

Any often replaces some in questions and after negatives.

I want some eggs.

Do you want any eggs?

No, I don't want any eggs, thanks.

We use there are (+ some or a number) + noun to talk about more than one thing (= plural).

There are some posters on my bedroom wall.

For negatives, we use there aren't + any to talk about more than one thing.

There aren't any windows.

For questions, we change the order of the words. We use are there any to talk about more than one thing.

There are some posters on the wall. → Are there any posters on the wall?



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INSTRUCTIONS: Are these nouns countable (C) or uncountable (U)?

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. water _____ | 6. postcode _____ |
| 2. shelf _____ | 7. music _____ |
| 3. address _____ | 8. money _____ |
| 4. uncle _____ | 9. sugar _____ |
| 5. bread _____ | 10. book _____ |

INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- I have **some** / **any** money in my bag.
- Harriet has **some** / **any** interesting books.
- I don't have **some** / **any** shelves in my bedroom.
- My grandad doesn't have **some** / **any** music on his phone.
- We have **some** / **any** free time today.
- You don't have **some** / **any** socks on your feet!

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the conversation with some or any.

Hannah: Do you have ¹..... food, Oliver?
I'm really hungry!

Oliver: Yes, there's ²..... fruit in the bowl.

Hannah: Oh. Have you got ³..... chocolate?

Oliver: No, sorry. There is ⁴..... cake in the kitchen.

Hannah: Great! Have you got ⁵..... chocolate cake?

Oliver: No, Hannah. There isn't ⁶..... chocolate in the house!



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A, AN, SOME OR ANY

INSTRUCTIONS: Match the things in the picture (A-H) with these words.

bag belt cap jeans pair of trainers socks towel T-shirt



INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the sentences about the picture above with a, an, some or any.

1. There are _____ socks.
2. There is _____ pair of shorts.
3. There isn't _____ mobile phone.
4. There is _____ belt.
5. There aren't _____ keys.
6. There isn't _____ orange cap.
7. There's _____ pair of trainers.



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