

Grammar 8b

Countable/Uncountable nouns & Quantifiers

1 Read the table. Say the examples in your language. Find examples in the text on p. 94.

Countable nouns

are nouns we can count.

an/one apple – two apples

I eat a lot of apples.

How many apples do you eat?

- **too many**
(more than I need)



- **a lot of/ lots of**



- **some/ a few**



- **not many/ (very) few**



- **none**



Uncountable nouns

are nouns we cannot count.

(some) rice

[NOT: ~~one rice – two rices~~]

I drink a lot of milk.

How much milk do you drink?

- **too much**
(more than I need)



- **a lot of/lots of**



- **some/a little**



- **not much/ (very) little**



- **none**



2 Fill in the gaps with *a/an* or *some*. Then mark the nouns C (countable) or U (uncountable).

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|--------------------|--------------|-------|------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 <i>some</i> milk | U | 7 | rice | | |
| 2 | money | | 8 | orange | |
| 3 | bread | | 9 | tea | |
| 4 | cherry | | 10 | cheese | |
| 5 | sugar | | 11 | meat | |
| 6 | egg | | 12 | biscuit | |

3 Choose the correct item.

- How much/How many apple juice is there?
- I've got a few/a little coffee left.
- Did he drink any milk? Not many/Not much.
- How much/many cheese do you want?
- There isn't many/much cake. How about a little/a few biscuits?
- Can I have a few/a little apples, please?
- How much/many money do you need?

Partitives

4 Fill in the gaps with *box, bag, can, jar, bottle, packet, carton*.
Listen and check.



1 a of cereal



2 a of ketchup



3 a of sugar



4 a of spaghetti



5 a of coffee



6 a of Coke



7 a of orange juice

a/an, some/any – every & their compounds

5 Read the table. Say the examples in your language.

- a/an** + countable nouns in the singular
Can I have a banana, please?
There is an apple in the fridge.
- some** + countable nouns in the plural/ uncountable nouns (affirmative sentences/ questions to offer sth) *We'll take some oranges.*
There's some milk in the fridge. Would you like some?
- any** + countable nouns in the plural/ uncountable nouns (negative sentences/ questions) *There isn't any butter. Are there any apples in the fridge?*
- every** + countable nouns in the singular
There's a carton of juice for every child in the class.

	Affirmative	Negative/ Interrogative
People	someone, everyone	anyone
Things	something, everything	anything

There's someone at the door.

Is there anyone in the bathroom?

I can't do anything to help.

Everyone is in the garden.