

A, an and some



Countable nouns

Singular

a cat

consonant

an orange

vowel (a, e, i, o, u)

Plural

some cats, some oranges

two cats, two oranges.

Uncountable nouns

These are nouns that don't have a plural form.
They are amounts of things such as food and drink.



rice



fruit



asparagus



water



coffee

We use **some** before uncountable nouns. We don't use **a** or **an**.

*I'd like **some** asparagus.*

*We'd like **some** water, please.*

Note that we can also say: **a glass of**, **a cup of**, **a bottle of**, **a can of** for drinks.

*I'd like **a bottle of** water, please.*

Some foods can be countable and uncountable.

some melon 

a melon 

some ice cream



an ice cream



1 Put the words in the correct column.

~~date~~ ~~bread~~ banana fruit lemon asparagus apple aubergine
glass of water broccoli rice grape water coffee raisin spinach

Countable nouns

date

Uncountable nouns

bread

2 Complete each phrase using a word from the box. Use each word once.

a ~~some~~ two some four some three some



some coffee



_____ lemons



_____ bananas



_____ oranges



_____ fruit



_____ glass of water



_____ spinach



_____ dates

3 Write a, an or some.

1 an apple

2 some grapes

3 _____ broccoli

4 _____ glass of water

5 _____ lemon

6 _____ raisins

7 _____ aubergine

8 _____ rice

9 _____ asparagus

10 _____ orange

11 _____ dates

12 _____ fruit

13 _____ banana

14 _____ coffee

Would like



Affirmative

I **would like**
 you **would like**
 he **would like**
 she **would like**
 it **would like**
 we **would like**
 you **would like**
 they **would like**

Short forms

I'd like
 you'd like
 he'd like
 she'd like
 it'd like
 we'd like
 you'd like
 they'd like

When we are in a café or shop we often use **would like** to say what we want. We often use the short form **'d like**.

I'd like some tea. He'd like an apple.



Questions

Would I like?
 Would you like?
 Would he like?
 Would she like?
 Would it like?
 Would you like?
 Would we like?
 Would you like?
 Would they like?

We usually reply to a **Would you like ...?** question with **Yes, please** or **No, thanks**.

Would you like some grapes?
Yes, please. / No, thanks.



Don't confuse **would like** with **like**, which we use to talk about things we like in general.

I'd like an ice cream. (= I want an ice cream now.)

I like ice cream. (= I always like ice cream.)

3 Write affirmative sentences. Use **would like** and **a, an** or **some**.

1 Dad / grapes

Dad would like some grapes.

2 Charlie / banana

3 Molly and Harry / water

4 we / asparagus

5 I / apple

6 she / a glass of orange juice

4 Look at the pictures. Write questions with **Would you like**. Then write the replies.



Would you like some grapes?

No, thanks.

