

**LANGUAGE FOCUS: COUNTABLE OR UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS AND QUANTIFIERS**

**Countable & Uncountable Nouns**


Countable Noun	Uncountable Noun
 <p><b>Can be counted</b> E.g: an apple, a school, 1 picture, 2 pictures, etc</p>	<p><b>Can not be counted</b> E.g: sugar, information, water, understanding, etc</p>
<p><b>Can take singular or plural verbs</b> There is a book on the table. Those houses are very big, aren't they?</p>	<p><b>Always take singular verbs</b> There is some water in that pitcher.</p>
<p><b>Go with a/an/the/my, etc in the singular</b> She bought an umbrella.</p>	<p><b>Do not go with a/an/two, etc</b> Can you hear music?</p>

Countables	Uncountables
 Eggs  Olive  Burger  Apple  Tomatoes	 Banana  Fries  Hot dog  Carrots  Watermelon
 Milk  Salt  Jam  Rice  Tea	 Flour  Sugar  Meat  Honey  Cheese

- Countable** nouns refer to separate items that can be in singular or plural forms.
- Uncountable** nouns refer to things that cannot be counted and abstract ideas. They do not have plural forms.

**QUANTIFIERS**

some, any, a few, a little,  
few, little, much, many, a lot of



**Exercise 1: Write the words in their correct category.**

chef	restaurant	honey	plate	sugar
bread	sausage	coin	rice	oil

Countable	Uncountable

Suggested video links: <https://youtu.be/oj1VlciUr8U>, <https://youtu.be/IYKbY4j9B14>  
Suggested exercise link : <https://wordwall.net/play/19141/317/981>

- ✓ Articles (a/an) can only be used for countable nouns.
- ✓ Quantifier (some) can be used for both countable and uncountable nouns.

We use **A** or **AN** with singular nouns.

**A** is used when a noun starts with a consonant sound;

*e.g. a dog, a book, etc.*

**AN** is used when a noun starts with a vowel sound;

*e.g. an apple, an hour, etc.*

We use **SOME** with countable nouns (only with their plural) and with uncountable nouns.

**SOME** is used in:

\* positive sentences;








*e.g. I have got some time.*

\* questions, expressing requests and offers;

*e.g. Would you like some tea?*

*Can I have some biscuits?*

### Exercise 2: Complete the dialogue with a, an or some

a	an	some
1. A: Can I have _____ apple?		
B: Sure.		
2. A: What are you eating, my friend?		
B: It's _____ plate of aglio olio pasta made by my mom.		
3. A: I saw _____ beautiful dress in a boutique just now.		
B: Oh, did you buy it?		
4. A: Do you want _____ candies?		
B: Sure, thank you for the offer.		
5. A: Could I have _____ tea?		
B: Sorry my dear, there isn't any left.		
6. A: We need to prepare _____ food for our guest this evening.		
B: Oh okay, I'll help you.		
7. A: You can spread _____ jam on the bread after you toast it.		
B: I will, surely it will add flavour to my toasted bread.		
8. A: I want to bake _____ chocolate cake, but there is no chocolate in the kitchen.		
B: Oh, well, I'll go and buy it.	