

FOOD – COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

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COUNTABLE / UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

COUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you **can** count
- You can use a / an in front of countable nouns.
- Nouns that have a plural form.

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you **can't** count
- Normally, you can't use a / an in front of uncountable nouns
- Nouns that normally don't have a plural form

- We can make uncountable nouns countable to express quantity. We add a unit or a quantity with "**OF**"

E.g. a bar of chocolate

HOW MUCH...? / HOW MANY...?

- How much + uncountable noun
E.g. How much ham?
- How many + countable noun
E.g.: How many apples?

QUANTIFIERS

A **quantifier**, as its name implies, expresses quantity. Quantifiers can be a single word or a phrase and are used with nouns. They can be used with either a countable or an uncountable noun to express amount or quantity.

- **some** + plural countable nouns or uncountable.
(affirmative – sometimes in offer questions)
- **any** + plural countable nouns or uncountable.
(negative and question)
- **much** + uncountable nouns (negative - question)
- **many** + countable nouns (negative – question)
- **a lot of** + uncountable or countable nouns
(more usual in affirmative sentences)
- **a little** + uncountable nouns
- **a few** + countable nouns
- **no** + zero quantity (affirmative)

CONTAINERS AND QUANTITIES



a) Use **a / an** or **some** and write **C** for countable or **U** for uncountable.

1. ____ money ____
2. ____ potatoes ____
3. ____ cup of tea ____
4. ____ sugar ____
5. ____ bar of chocolate ____
6. ____ ice-cream ____
7. ____ rice ____
8. ____ glass of water ____
9. ____ coffee ____
10. ____ cake ____
11. ____ eggs ____
12. ____ orange ____

b) Classify the nouns into countable and uncountable.

water – bread – lemons – chocolate – sugar – cherries – tea – milk
– oranges – cheese – coffee – eggs – apple – tomato

Countable

Uncountable

a) Ask questions using how much or how many

(eggs) _____?

(meat) _____?

(butter) _____?

(water) _____?

(flour) _____?

(tea) _____?

(oranges) _____?

(oil) _____?

d) Choose the correct word / expression and complete the sentences.

some – how much – how many – any

- _____ sandwiches do you have?
- Is there _____ milk in the fridge?
- _____ sugar do you need?
- can you see _____ fruit on the table?
- _____ friends do you have?
- My mother has _____ chocolate for us.
- Mary makes _____ nice scones for tea.

e) Use the words in the box and complete as the example

- bar
- six-pack
- tube
- roll
- head
- bottle
- bunch
- dozen
- slice
- cup
- carton
- jar
- box
- bag
- can



f) Fill in the gaps using **any, some , a lot of, much, many, or no.**

- There is _____ high school in Florence.
- He doesn't have _____ money.
- Would you like _____ tea?
- Mark likes to read. He has _____ books.
- It cost _____ money to travel round the world.
- I don't have _____ time to spend with you. I'm sorry.
- Mrs. Milles went to the supermarket to buy some butter but they didn't have _____.
- I'd like some cake too. Please, give me _____.
- Mr. Smith wants to buy a new car, but he can't because he doesn't earn that _____.
- Their party didn't cost _____ more than they expected.
- Don't buy _____ carrots!
- Get _____ bread from the bakery, please.
- There aren't _____ vegetables in the fridge. I'm going to buy _____.
- The shop has _____ clothes on the shelves.

Ask and answer questions as the example.

- flour / fridge / pantry

Is there any flour in the fridge?- No there isn't, but there is some in the pantry.

- Orange juice / pantry / fridge

• _____? _____, _____.

- Jam / cupboard / table?

• _____? _____, _____.

- Bananas/ cupboard /pantry

• _____? _____, _____.

- Cheese / table / fridge

• _____? _____, _____.

- Eggs / cupboard / box

• _____? _____, _____.