

COUNTABLE /UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

9A countable / uncountable nouns



an apple three apples rice meat

- There are two kinds of noun in English; countable (C) and uncountable (U).

C = things you can count, e.g. *apples*. C nouns can be singular (**an** apple) or plural (*apples*).

U = things you can't count.

butter, meat **NOT** *two butters, three meats*

U nouns are normally singular.

- Some nouns can be C or U but the meaning is different.



an ice cream (C) some ice cream (U)

a / an, some / any

	countable	uncountable (4 30))
☒ We need	an apple. some apples.	some butter.
☐ We don't need	a tomato. any tomatoes.	any rice.
☐ Do we need	an orange? any oranges?	any sugar?

- We use *a / an* with singular C nouns; *a / an* = one.
- We use *some* ☒ with plural C nouns and with U nouns; *some* = not an exact number or quantity.
- We use *any* in ☐ and ☐ with plural C nouns and with U nouns.

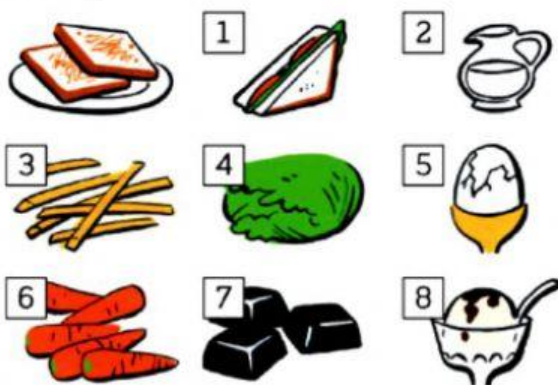
some in ☐

We use *some* in ☐ to ask for and offer things.

Can I have **some** apples, please?

Would you like **some** coffee?

a Write *a, an, or some* + a food / drink word.



some bread

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| 1 _____ | 5 _____ |
| 2 _____ | 6 _____ |
| 3 _____ | 7 _____ |
| 4 _____ | 8 _____ |



b Write ☐ or ☐ sentences with *a / an, some, or any*.

1 onions *There aren't any onions.*

2 tomato juice

3 pineapple

4 strawberries

5 peppers

6 milk

7 mushrooms

8 ice cream