

# 24) Containers and quantities

## A Containers



a tin of crab



a can of fizzy drink



a packet of peanuts



a packet of cocoa powder



a jar of honey



a carton of juice



a vase of flowers



a basket of fruit



a tube of glue

### GLOSSARY

#### container

a thing you can put other things in, e.g. a packet, a tin  
**contain v:** The packet **contains** Italian biscuits.

#### fizzy

(of a drink) containing many small **bubbles** (= balls of air or gas). A **fizzy drink** is a non-alcoholic sweet drink with bubbles in it.

#### powder

a dry substance like flour that is made of very small pieces: **soap powder, chilli powder**

#### cocoa

a dark brown powder made from cocoa beans and used for making chocolate

### SPOTLIGHT *tin and can*

In British English, we usually say **tin** when there is food inside, and we say **can** if it contains liquid (water, drinks, etc.).

▪ a **tin of tuna/beans**

▪ a **can of cola/beer**

#### 1 Study the pictures for one minute, then cover them. Did you see these things? Write Yes or No.

► a jar of peanuts	no	► a carton of juice	yes	7 a can of cola	.....
1 a tin of beans	.....	4 a jar of jam	.....	8 a vase of flowers	.....
2 a fizzy drink can	.....	5 a tube of glue	.....	9 some containers	.....
3 a packet of soap powder	.....	6 a tin of crab	.....	10 a basket of oranges	.....

#### 2 True or false? Write T or F. If the sentences are false, correct them.

► A jar is made of metal. <u>F - It is made of glass.</u>	4 Peanuts are kinds of containers. ....
1 Bees make honey. ....	5 You put apples in a vase. ....
2 A carton can contain liquids. ....	6 A tin usually contains food. ....
3 A fizzy drink doesn't contain bubbles. ....	7 You can eat soap powder. ....

#### 3 Put the items in the correct column below. Some words can go in more than one column.

coffee ✓	beer	milk	tomatoes	a fizzy drink	crisps	peanuts	olives
toothpaste	jam	fruit juice	tuna	cola	chilli powder	glue	flowers

CAN	TIN	CARTON	JAR	TUBE	PACKET	VASE
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	► coffee	.....
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#### 4 Complete the shopping list.

► a <b>tin</b> of crab	.....
a <b>.....</b> of milk (1 litre)	.....
two <b>.....</b> of tuna	.....
a <b>.....</b> of cocoa	.....
a <b>.....</b> of toothpaste	.....
a <b>.....</b> of raspberry jam	.....

a large <b>.....</b> of crisps	.....
a <b>.....</b> of fizzy <b>.....</b>	.....
a <b>.....</b> of cola	.....
a <b>.....</b> of peanuts	.....
a <b>.....</b> of glue	.....



### TEST YOURSELF

## B Quantities



a slice of bread



a loaf of bread



a roll



a spoonful of sugar



I measured the material. I needed approximately 2m (= metres), and it was more or less the right length. It measured 1.95 m.



two sheets of paper



a couple of pens



several biscuits



a small quantity of oil

GLOSSARY	
<b>several</b>	more than two, but not many
<b>quantity</b>	how much of sth that there is <b>SYN amount</b>
<b>approximately</b>	about, not exactly <b>SYN more or less; approximate adj</b>
<b>exact</b>	correct, accurate <b>exactly adv</b>
<b>length</b>	how long sth is

### SPOTLIGHT transitive and intransitive verbs

**Measure** and **weigh** can be used transitively (= with an object) or intransitively (= without an object).

- *She measured the bed.* = She used a ruler to find out the size of the bed.
- *It measured 2 m by 1 m.* = The size of the bed was ...
- *I weighed the baby.* = I measured the baby to see how heavy it was.
- *The baby weighed 8 kg.* = The baby's weight was ...



I weighed the rice. I needed the exact amount. It weighed 404g. (= grams)

### 5 Find the end of each word or phrase.

roll | several amount weigh length approximate loaf exactly a couple of more or less

### 6 Is the meaning the same or different? Write S or D.

- I bought several rolls. / I bought a few rolls.
- 1 Did you measure yourself? / Did you weigh yourself?
- 2 I need two sheets of paper. / I need a couple of sheets of paper.
- 3 The picture measures 20 cm by 30cm. / The picture is 20 cm long and 30 cm wide.
- 4 We had a roll for lunch. / We had a slice of bread for lunch.
- 5 That car weighs exactly 2,000 kg. / That car weighs approximately 2,000 kg.
- 6 They had a large amount of money. / They had a large quantity of money.

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### 7 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

- Could you let me have a / of paper? sheet
- 1 The room approximately 4 metres by 3 metres.
- 2 I only take one of sugar in my coffee, thanks.
- 3 Sergio Aguero is 1.7 m tall, or less.
- 4 There are a of men standing outside. Oh, it's Yusuf and Omer!
- 5 He had a sandwich with two of ham in it and a tomato.
- 6 Could you buy a small of bread at the supermarket? Thanks.
- 7 We only need a small of butter to make this cake.
- 8 The height of Burg Khalifa in Dubai is 828 m – no more and no less.
- 9 I think there were 30 people at the meeting, but I didn't count them.
- 10 What is the of an Olympic swimming pool? ~ I think it's 50 m.

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