

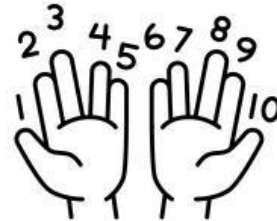
## LÍNGUA INGLESA II

### COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS + QUANTIFIERS

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Look at these examples to see how to use countable and uncountable nouns in a sentence.

- *I'm making a cup of tea.*
- *There's some money on the table.*
- *Have we got any bread?*
- *How many chairs do we need?*
- *How much milk have we got?*



Nouns can be countable or uncountable. Countable nouns can be counted, e.g. **an apple, two apples, three apples**, etc. Uncountable nouns cannot be counted, e.g. **air, rice, water**, etc. When you learn a new noun, you should check if it is countable or uncountable and note how it is used in a sentence.

#### Countable nouns

- For positive sentences we can use **a/an** for singular nouns or **some** for plurals.

*There's a man at the door.*

*I have some friends in New York.*

- For negatives we can use **a/an** for singular nouns or **any** for plurals.

*I don't have a dog.*

*There aren't any seats.*

#### Uncountable nouns

- Here are some examples of uncountable nouns:

*bread - rice - coffee - information - money - advice - luggage - furniture*

- We use **some** with uncountable nouns in positive sentences and **any** with negatives.

*There's some milk in the fridge.*

*There isn't any coffee.*

## Questions

- In questions we use **a/an**, **any** or **how many** with countable nouns.

*Is there an email address to write to?*

*Are there any chairs?*

*How many chairs are there?*

- And we use **any** or **how much** with uncountable nouns.

*Is there any sugar?*

*How much orange juice is there?*

- But when we are offering something or asking for something, we normally use **some**.

*Do you want some chocolate?*

*Can we have some more chairs, please?*

- We also use **some** in a question when we think the answer will be 'yes'.

*Have you got some new glasses?*

## Other expressions of quantity

- **A lot of (or lots of)** can be used with both countable and uncountable nouns.

*There are lots of apples on the trees.*

*There is a lot of snow on the road.*

- Notice that we don't usually use many or much in positive sentences. We use **a lot of** instead.

*They have a lot of money.*

- However, in negative sentences we use **not many** with countable nouns and **not much** with uncountable nouns.

*There are a lot of carrots but there aren't many potatoes.*

*There's lots of juice but there isn't much water.*

**Complete the sentences with one word.**

1. We didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ problems.
2. Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate?
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ people have sent you email?
4. I need \_\_\_\_\_ information about train times.
5. We've got a \_\_\_\_\_ of luggage.
6. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ space in the car.
7. I've bought \_\_\_\_\_ new shoes but I didn't get shirt.
8. There's never \_\_\_\_\_ petrol after Sam uses the car!

