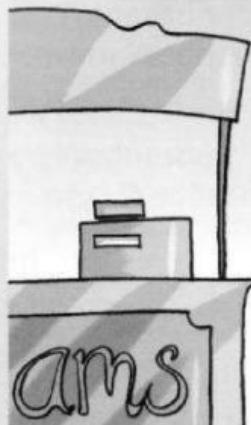


# 8 Going shopping

Countable and uncountable nouns  
Would like

## A, an and some



### Countable nouns

#### Singular

a **c**at      an **o**range

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consonant      vowel (a, e, i, o, u)

#### Plural

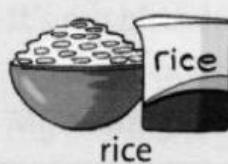
**some** cats, **some** oranges

**two** cats, **two** oranges.

### Uncountable nouns

These are nouns that don't have a plural form.

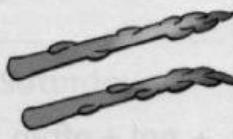
They are amounts of things such as food and drink.



rice



fruit



asparagus



water



coffee

We use **some** before uncountable nouns. We don't use **a** or **an**.

*I'd like **some** asparagus.*

*We'd like **some** water, please.*

Note that we can also say: **a glass of**, **a cup of**, **a bottle of**, **a can of** for drinks.

*I'd like **a bottle of** water, please.*

Some foods can be countable and uncountable.

**some** melon



**a** melon



**some** ice cream



**an** ice cream



## 1 Put the words in the correct column.

date bread banana fruit lemon asparagus apple aubergine  
glass of water broccoli rice grape water coffee raisin spinach

### Countable nouns

date

### Uncountable nouns

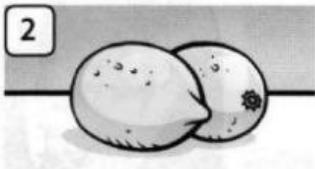
bread

## 2 Complete each phrase using a word from the box. Use each word once.

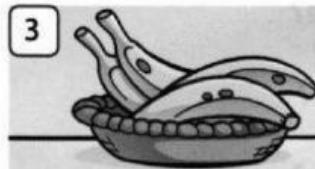
a some two some four some three some



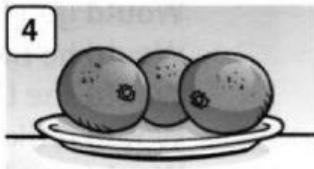
some coffee



lemons



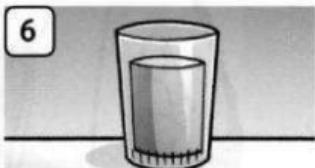
bananas



oranges



fruit



glass of water



spinach



dates

## 3 Write a, an or some.

1 an apple      2 some grapes

3 broccoli      4 a glass of water

5 a lemon      6 raisins

7 an aubergine      8 rice

9 asparagus      10 an orange

11 dates      12 fruit

13 banana      14 coffee