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## GRAMMAR

Countable and uncountable nouns

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

#### 1 Write the plural forms of the nouns in brackets.

When we go on walks, we always take lots of carrots (carrot) to eat.

- Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ (potato) with your chicken or do you prefer rice?
- I love June. \_\_\_\_\_ (Strawberry) are so cheap.
- For a real Spanish omelette, you need five or six \_\_\_\_\_ (egg).
- When I cut \_\_\_\_\_ (onion), I always cry.
- These \_\_\_\_\_ (orange) are very juicy. You only need two of them to make a glass of juice.

#### 2 ★ Find nine more food items in the word search. Decide if they are countable or uncountable.

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S	G	R	E	T	H	N	H	O
E	E	E	N	P	O	F	R	U
M	N	A	P	P	L	E	Y	R
S	O	D	H	O	T	D	O	G

Countable

Uncountable

egg

#### 3 ★ ★ Choose the correct option.

- Peter: I think we're ready to start dinner. There <sup>1</sup>is some / are some / is any cheese in the fridge.
- Sian: Great! Er ...<sup>2</sup>Is there any / Is there some / Are there any mushrooms? I can't see them.
- Peter: Mushrooms. Oh, no. I forgot.
- Sian: And there <sup>3</sup>isn't some / aren't some / isn't any spaghetti.
- Peter: Oh.
- Sian: So, no spaghetti bolognese for us today. What can we eat?
- Peter: <sup>4</sup>Is there any / Are there some / Are there any bread?
- Sian: Bread? I don't want a sandwich. I want dinner!
- Peter: Well, there <sup>5</sup>is some / are some / are any potatoes. We can have fried eggs and potatoes.
- Sian: Er ..., Peter.
- Peter: Yes?
- Sian: There <sup>6</sup>isn't any / aren't some / aren't any eggs.
- Peter: Oh.

#### 4 ★ ★ Complete the questions and short answers.

- Woman: Can you make a shopping list and go shopping for me?
- Man: OK. What do you want?
- Woman: I don't know. That's why I want you to make a list.
- Man: Right. Is there any fruit (fruit)?
- Woman: Yes, there is (✓). There are apples and oranges.
- Man: Good. <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (eggs)?
- Woman: <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (✓).
- Man: Great. <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (ketchup)?
- Woman: <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (x).
- Man: Oh, right. Ketchup. <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (honey)?
- Woman: <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (✓). We've got four jars. Don't buy any honey.
- Man: <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (vegetables)?
- Woman: <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ (x).
- Man: Oh, is there any ...
- Woman: Please, just go to the kitchen and look.

#### 5 ★ ★ ★ Complete the questions and answers with one word in each gap.

- Maggie: How much fruit do you eat, Alex?
- Alex: Oh, I eat a <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of fruit. I love apples.
- Maggie: So, <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ apples do you eat in a week?
- Alex: I eat about two a day, so fourteen.
- Maggie: Wow. That's <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ lot. What about other food? <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ eggs do you eat?
- Alex: <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. One or two a month.
- Maggie: And <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ cheese do you eat?
- Alex: <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Just a little bit on a Saturday evening.
- Maggie: OK. Last question. <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs do you eat a week?
- Alex: Hot dogs? Yuk. I don't eat <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ hot dogs or hamburgers. I hate fast food.

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#### 6 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap.

- Tanya: The party starts in an hour. Are you ready?
- Brett: I think so. Are there any crisps here?
- Tanya: Yes, there <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. There are a <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of packets in the kitchen. About twenty, I think.
- Brett: Twenty! Wow. And have we got any cola?
- Tanya: Yes. Not <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. One or two bottles.
- Brett: Oh. Why not more?
- Tanya: Well, there is <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ lot of juice and <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ many of our guests drink cola.
- Brett: OK, you know best. Oh, here's the phone number of the pizza restaurant. We can order some for nine o'clock.
- Tanya: Good idea. How <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ do you want?
- Brett: I think eight is enough.
- Tanya: One for you and seven for the rest of us!

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