2.2 GRAMMAR

Countable and uncountable nouns

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1 Write the plural forms of the nouns in brackets.

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

1 Do you want _____ (potato) with your chicken or do you prefer rice?
2 I love June. _____ (Strawberry) are so cheap.
3 For a real Spanish omelette, you need five or six _____ (egg).
4 When I cut _____ (onion), I always cry.
5 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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E	N	B	O	R	I	O	A	L
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 [1]*is some / are some / is any* cheese in the fridge.
Sian: Great! Er ...[2]*Is there any / Is there some / Are there any* mushrooms? I can't see them.
Peter: Mushrooms. Oh, no. I forgot.
Sian: And there [3]*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: [4]*Is there any / Are there some / Are there any* bread?
Sian: Bread? I don't want a sandwich. I want dinner!
Peter: Well, there [5]*is some / are some / are any* potatoes. We can have fried eggs and potatoes.
Sian: Er ..., Peter.
Peter: Yes?
Sian: There [6]*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. [1]_____ (eggs)?
Woman: [2]_____ (✓).
Man: Great. [3]_____ (ketchup)?
Woman: [4]_____ (×).
Man: Oh, right. Ketchup. [5]_____ (honey)?
Woman: [6]_____ (✓). We've got four jars. Don't buy any honey.
Man: [7]_____ (vegetables)?
Woman: [8]_____ (×).
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 [1]_____ of fruit. I love apples.
Maggie: So, [2]_____ _____ apples do you eat in a week?
Alex: I eat about two a day, so fourteen.
Maggie: Wow. That's [3]_____ lot. What about other food? [4]_____ _____ eggs do you eat?
Alex: [5]_____ _____ . One or two a month.
Maggie: And [6]_____ _____ cheese do you eat?
Alex: [7]_____ _____ . Just a little bit on a Saturday evening.
Maggie: OK. Last question. [8]_____ _____ hot dogs do you eat a week?
Alex: Hot dogs? Yuk. I don't eat [9]_____ 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 [1]_____ . There are a [2]_____ of packets in the kitchen. About twenty, I think.
Brett: Twenty! Wow. And have we got any cola?
Tanya: Yes. Not [3]_____ . One or two bottles.
Brett: Oh. Why not more?
Tanya: Well, there is [4]_____ lot of juice and [5]_____ 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 [6]_____ do you want?
Brett: I think eight is enough.
Tanya: One for you and seven for the rest of us!

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