

8 Going shopping

Countable and uncountable nouns
Would like

A, an and some



Countable nouns

Singular

a cat

↑
consonant

an orange

↑
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



two lemons



some bananas



three oranges



some fruit



a glass of water



some spinach



some dates

3 Write a, an or some.

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|-------------|------------------|
| 1 an apple | 2 some grapes |
| 3 broccoli | 4 glass of water |
| 5 lemon | 6 raisins |
| 7 aubergine | 8 rice |
| 9 asparagus | 10 orange |
| 11 dates | 12 fruit |
| 13 banana | 14 coffee |

Would like



Affirmative

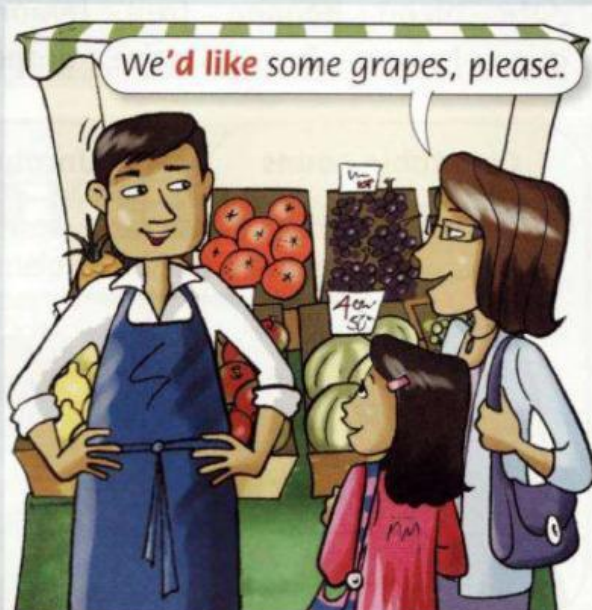
I **would like**
 you **would like**
 he **would like**
 she **would like**
 it **would like**
 we **would like**
 you **would like**
 they **would like**

Short forms

I'd like
 you'd like
 he'd like
 she'd like
 it'd like
 we'd like
 you'd like
 they'd like

When we are in a café or shop we often use **would like** to say what we want. We often use the short form **'d like**.

I'd like some tea. He'd like an apple.



Questions

Would I like?
 Would you like?
 Would he like?
 Would she like?
 Would it like?
 Would you like?
 Would we like?
 Would you like?
 Would they like?

We usually reply to a **Would you like ...?** question with **Yes, please** or **No, thanks**.

Would you like some grapes?
Yes, please. / No, thanks.



Don't confuse **would like** with **like**, which we use to talk about things we like in general.

I'd like an ice cream. (= I want an ice cream now.)

I like ice cream. (= I always like ice cream.)

3 Write affirmative sentences. Use **would like** and **a, an** or **some**.

1 Dad / grapes

Dad would like some grapes.

2 Charlie / banana

3 Molly and Harry / water

4 we / asparagus

5 I / apple

6 she / a glass of orange juice

4 Look at the pictures. Write questions with **Would you like**. Then write the replies.

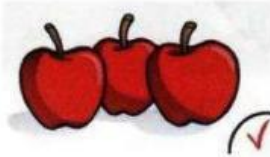
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Would you like some grapes?

No, thanks.

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