Countable nouns with **a/an** and **some**

1 What are these things? Choose from the box and write a sentence.

1 an eagle ...It's a bird.....
2 a pigeon, a duck and a penguin ...They're birds.....
3 carrots and onions .....
4 a tulip .....
5 Earth, Mars and Jupiter .....
6 chess .....
7 a hammer, a saw and a screwdriver .....
8 the Nile, the Rhine and the Mekong .....
9 a mosquito .....
10 Hindi, Arabic and Swahili .....

bird(s)
flower(s)
game(s)
insect(s)
language(s)
planet(s)
river(s)
tool(s)
vegetable(s)

2 Read about what these people do. What are their jobs? Choose from:

chef **interpreter** **journalist** **nurse** **plumber** **surgeon** **tour guide** **waiter**

1 Sarah looks after patients in hospital. ...She's a nurse.....
2 Gary works in a restaurant. He brings the food to the tables. He .....
3 Jane writes articles for a newspaper. .....
4 Kevin works in a hospital. He operates on people. .....
5 Jonathan cooks in a restaurant. .....
6 Dave installs and repairs water pipes. .....
7 Anna shows visitors round her city and tells them about it. .....
8 Lisa translates what people are saying from one language into another, so that they can understand each other. .....

3 Which is right?

1 Most of my friends are students / some students. (students *is correct*)
2 Are you careful driver / a careful driver?
3 I went to the library and borrowed books / some books.
4 Mark works in a bookshop. He sells books / some books.
5 I've been walking for hours. I've got sore feet / some sore feet.
6 I don't feel very well. I've got sore throat / a sore throat.
7 What lovely present / a lovely present! Thank you very much.
8 I met students / some students in a cafe yesterday. They were from China.
9 It might rain. Don't go out without umbrella / without an umbrella.
10 People / Some people learn languages more easily than others.

4 Put in a/an or some where necessary. If no word is necessary, leave the space empty.

1 I've seen ...some..... good movies recently.
2 Are you feeling all right? Do you have ...a..... headache?
3 I know lots of people. Most of them are ...–..... students.
4 When I was ..... child, I used to be very shy.
5 ..... birds, for example the penguin, cannot fly.
6 Would you like to be ..... actor?
7 Questions, questions, questions! You're always asking ..... questions!
8 I didn't expect to see you. What ..... surprise!
9 Do you like staying in ..... hotels?
10 Tomorrow is a holiday. ..... shops will be open, but most of them will be closed.
11 Those are ..... nice shoes. Where did you get them?
12 You need ..... visa to visit ..... countries, but not all of them.
13 Kate is ..... teacher. Her parents were ..... teachers too.
14 I don't believe him. He's ..... liar. He's always telling ..... lies.

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