

## 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

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Uncountable nouns**

bread

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

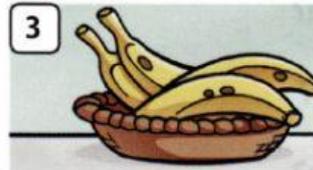
a ~~some~~ two some four some three some



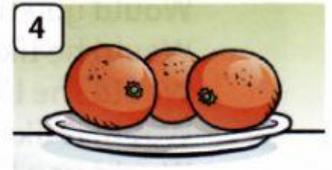
some coffee



\_\_\_\_\_ lemons



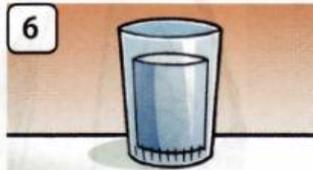
\_\_\_\_\_ bananas



\_\_\_\_\_ oranges



\_\_\_\_\_ fruit



\_\_\_\_\_ glass of water



\_\_\_\_\_ spinach



\_\_\_\_\_ dates

**3 Write a, an or some.**

- |                   |                        |
|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <u>an</u> apple | 2 <u>some</u> 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

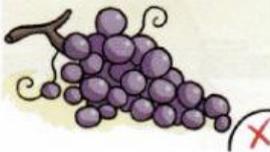
4 we / asparagus

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.

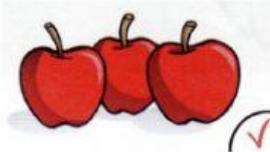
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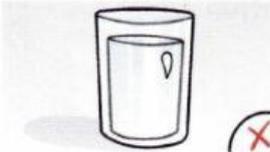
Would you like some grapes?

No, thanks.

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