

GRAMMAR

2.2

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.

- 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.

C	O	L	I	V	E	O	I	L
H	R	E	G	G	A	N	Y	T
E	A	G	F	R	U	I	T	F
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

egg

Uncountable

3 ★★ Choose the correct option.

Peter: I think we're ready to start dinner. There ¹is some / are some / is any cheese in the fridge.

Sian: Great! Er ... ²Is there any / Is there some / Are there any mushrooms? I can't see them.

Peter: Mushrooms. Oh, no. I forgot.

Sian: And there ³isn't some / aren't some / isn't any spaghetti.

Peter: Oh.

Sian: So, no spaghetti bolognese for us today. What can we eat?

Peter: ⁴Is there any / Are there some / Are there any bread?

Sian: Bread? I don't want a sandwich. I want dinner!

Peter: Well, there ⁵is some / are some / are any potatoes. We can have fried eggs and potatoes.

Sian: Er ..., Peter.

Peter: Yes?

Sian: There ⁶isn'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.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

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!

6