

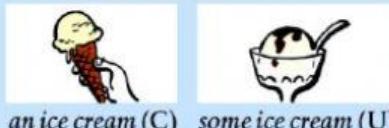
# COUNTABLE /UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

## 9A countable / uncountable nouns



*an apple    three apples    rice    meat*

- There are two kinds of noun in English; countable (C) and uncountable (U).
- C = things you can count, e.g. *apples*. C nouns can be singular (*an apple*) or plural (*apples*).
- U = things you can't count.  
*butter, meat* NOT *two butters, three meats*
- U nouns are normally singular.
- Some nouns can be C or U but the meaning is different.



*an ice cream (C)    some ice cream (U)*

*a / an, some / any*

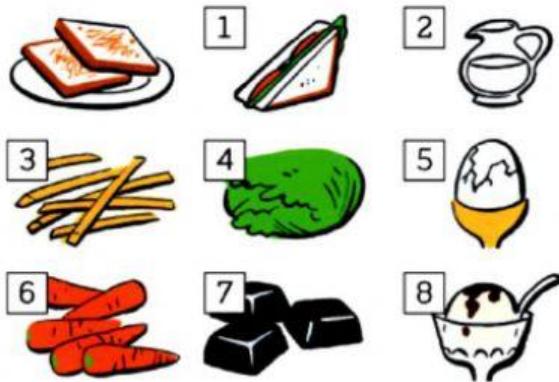
	countable	uncountable	4 30)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We need	<b><i>an apple.</i></b> <b><i>some apples.</i></b>	<b><i>some butter.</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> We don't need	<b><i>a tomato.</i></b> <b><i>any tomatoes.</i></b>	<b><i>any rice.</i></b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Do we need	<b><i>an orange?</i></b> <b><i>any oranges?</i></b>	<b><i>any sugar?</i></b>	

- We use *a / an* with singular C nouns; *a / an* = one.
- We use *some*  with plural C nouns and with U nouns; *some* = not an exact number or quantity.
- We use *any* in  and  with plural C nouns and with U nouns.

### some in

We use *some* in  to ask for and offer things.  
*Can I have **some** apples, please?*  
*Would you like **some** coffee?*

**a** Write *a, an*, or *some* + a food / drink word.



*some bread*

1	_____	5	_____
2	_____	6	_____
3	_____	7	_____
4	_____	8	_____



**b** Write  or  sentences with *a / an, some, or any*.

1 onions

*There aren't any onions.*

2 tomato juice

\_\_\_\_\_

3 pineapple

\_\_\_\_\_

4 strawberries

\_\_\_\_\_

5 peppers

\_\_\_\_\_

6 milk

\_\_\_\_\_

7 mushrooms

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8 ice cream

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