

EXERCISE 4 NON-COUNT NOUNS MADE COUNTABLE

GRAMMAR NOTE 5 Complete the pairs of sentences. In the sentences on the left, use *some* or *any*. In the sentences on the right, use a phrase that makes the non-count noun countable. Look at Appendix 7 on page 415 for help.

Less Precise

1. a. When we moved to the new office, we lost some equipment.
2. a. Look! I just saw _____ lightning in the sky.
3. a. We didn't play _____ tennis after all.
4. a. Let me give you _____ advice: Don't eat that doughnut.
5. a. There hasn't been _____ rain here for over a month.
6. a. There wasn't _____ rice left on the plate.
7. a. I bought _____ meat at the supermarket.
8. a. We bought _____ furniture at the mall.
9. a. I always have _____ coffee when I wake up in the morning.
10. a. I got _____ sand in my shoes when I was at the beach.

More Precise

- b. When we moved to the new office, we lost two pieces of equipment.
- b. Look! I just saw _____ lightning in the sky.
- b. We didn't play _____ tennis after all.
- b. Let me give you _____ advice: Don't eat that doughnut.
- b. There hasn't been _____ rain here for over a month.
- b. There wasn't _____ rice left on the plate.
- b. I bought _____ meat at the supermarket.
- b. We bought _____ furniture at the mall.
- b. I always have _____ coffee when I wake up in the morning.
- b. Some people think you can see the world in _____ sand.