

24 Containers and quantities

A Containers



a tin of crab



a can of fizzy drink



a packet of peanuts



a packet of cocoa powder



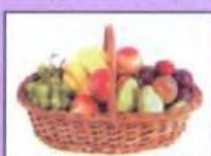
a jar of honey



a carton of juice



a vase of flowers



a basket of fruit



a tube of glue

GLOSSARY

- container** a thing you can put other things in, e.g. a packet, a tin
contain v: The packet **contains** Italian biscuits.
fizzy (of a drink) containing many small **bubbles** (= balls of air or gas). A **fizzy drink** is a non-alcoholic sweet drink with bubbles in it.
powder a dry substance like flour that is made of very small pieces: **soap powder, chilli powder**
cocoa a dark brown powder made from cocoa beans and used for making chocolate

SPOTLIGHT *tin and can*

In British English, we usually say **tin** when there is food inside, and we say **can** if it contains liquid (water, drinks, etc.).

- a **tin** of tuna/beans
- a **can** of cola/beer

1 Study the pictures for one minute, then cover them. Did you see these things? Write Yes or No.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ▶ a jar of peanuts <u>no</u> | ▶ a carton of juice <u>yes</u> | 7 a can of cola |
| 1 a tin of beans | 4 a jar of jam | 8 a vase of flowers |
| 2 a fizzy drink can | 5 a tube of glue | 9 some containers |
| 3 a packet of soap powder | 6 a tin of crab | 10 a basket of oranges |

2 True or false? Write T or F. If the sentences are false, correct them.

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| ▶ A jar is made of metal. <u>F - It is made of glass.</u> | 4 Peanuts are kinds of containers. |
| 1 Bees make honey. | 5 You put apples in a vase. |
| 2 A carton can contain liquids. | 6 A tin usually contains food. |
| 3 A fizzy drink doesn't contain bubbles. | 7 You can eat soap powder. |

3 Put the items in the correct column below. Some words can go in more than one column.

coffee ✓	beer	milk	tomatoes	a fizzy drink	crisps	peanuts	olives
toothpaste	jam	fruit juice	tuna	cola	chilli powder	glue	flowers
CAN	TIN	CARTON	JAR	TUBE	PACKET	VASE	
					▶ coffee		

4 Complete the shopping list.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ▶ a <u>tin</u> of crab | a large _____ of crisps |
| a _____ of milk (1 litre) | a _____ of fizzy _____ |
| two _____ of tuna | a _____ of cola |
| a _____ of cocoa _____ | a _____ of peanuts |
| a _____ of toothpaste | a _____ of glue |
| a _____ of raspberry jam | |



TEST YOURSELF

B Quantities



a slice of bread



a loaf of bread



a roll



a spoonful of sugar



two sheets of paper



a couple of pens



several biscuits



a small quantity of oil



I measured the material. I needed **approximately** 2m (= metres), and it was **more or less** the right length. It measured 1.95 m.



I weighed the rice. I needed the **exact** amount. It weighed 404g. (= grams)

GLOSSARY

several	more than two, but not many
quantity	how much of sth that there is SYN amount
approximately	about, not exactly SYN more or less; approximate adj
exact	correct, accurate exactly adv
length	how long sth is

SPOTLIGHT **transitive and intransitive verbs**

Measure and **weigh** can be used transitively (= with an object) or intransitively (= without an object).

- *She **measured** the bed.* = She used a ruler to find out the size of the bed.
- *It **measured** 2 m by 1 m.* = The size of the bed was ...
- *I **weighed** the baby.* = I measured the baby to see how heavy it was.
- *The baby **weighed** 8 kg.* = The baby's weight was ...

5 Find the end of each word or phrase.

roll / several amount weigh length approximate loaf exactly a couple of more or less

6 Is the meaning the same or different? Write S or D.

- I bought several rolls. / I bought a few rolls. S
- Did you measure yourself? / Did you weigh yourself?
- I need two sheets of paper. / I need a couple of sheets of paper.
- The picture measures 20 cm by 30cm. / The picture is 20 cm long and 30 cm wide.
- We had a roll for lunch. / We had a slice of bread for lunch.
- That car weighs exactly 2,000 kg. / That car weighs approximately 2,000 kg.
- They had a large amount of money. / They had a large quantity of money.

7 One word is missing in each sentence. What is it, and where does it go?

- Could you let me have a / of paper? sheet
- The room approximately 4 metres by 3 metres.
- I only take one of sugar in my coffee, thanks.
- Sergio Agüero is 1.7 m tall, or less.
- There are a of men standing outside. Oh, it's Yusuf and Omer!
- He had a sandwich with two of ham in it and a tomato.
- Could you buy a small of bread at the supermarket? Thanks.
- We only need a small of butter to make this cake.
- The height of Burg Khalifa in Dubai is 828 m – no more and no less.
- I think there were 30 people at the meeting, but I didn't count them.
- What is the of an Olympic swimming pool? ~ I think it's 50 m.



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