

# FOOD – COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

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## COUNTABLE / UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

### COUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you **can** count
- you can use a / an in front of countable nouns.
- Nouns that have a plural form.

### UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you **can't** count
- Normally, you can't use a / an in front of uncountable nouns
- Nouns that normally don't have a plural form

- We can make uncountable nouns countable to express quantity. We add a unit or a quantity with "**OF**"

E.g. a **bar of** chocolate

## HOW MUCH...? / HOW MANY...?

- **How much** + uncountable noun  
E.g. How much ham?

- **How many** + countable noun  
E.g.: How many rashers and sausages

## QUANTIFIERS

A **quantifier**, as its name implies, expresses quantity. Quantifiers can be a single word or a phrase and are used with nouns. They can be used with either a countable or an uncountable noun to express amount or quantity.

- **some** + plural nouns or uncountable singular forms. ( has an affirmative meaning)
- **any** + plural nouns or uncountable singular forms. ( is used with negative sentences and questions)
- **much** + plural nouns
- **a lot of** + uncountable or plural nouns ( is more usual in affirmative sentences)
- **a little** + singular uncountable nouns ( has a positive meaning)
- **a few** + plurals ( has a positive meaning.)
- **no** + zero quantity ( no = not any)

## CONTAINERS AND QUANTITIES



a) Use a / an or some and write C for countable or U for uncountable.

- **SOME** money U
- **SOME** ponds C
- **A** cup of tea C
- **SOME** sugar U
- **A** bar of chocolate C
- **SOME** ice-cream U
- **SOME** rice U
- **A** glass of water C
- **SOME** coffee U
- **SOME** cake U
- **AN** eggs C
- **AN** orange C

b) Use a / an or some and write C for countable or U for uncountable.

water – bread – lemons – chocolate – sugar – tea – milk –  
oranges – cheese – coffee – eggs

#### Countable

- LEMONS
- ORANGES
- EGGS

#### Uncountable

- WATER
- BREAD
- CHOCOLATE
- SUGAR
- TEA
- MILK
- CHEESE
- COFFEE

c) Ask questions using how much or how many

(eggs) **HOW MANY EGGS ARE THERE?**

(¿Cuántos huevos hay allí?)

(meat) **HOW MUCH MEAT IS THERE?**

(¿Cuanta carne hay allí?)

(jam) **HOW MUCH JAM IS THERE?**

(¿cuanta mermelada hay allí?)

(water) **HOW MUCH WATER...?**

(flour) **HOW MUCH FLOUR...?**

(tea) **HOW MUCH TEA...?**

(oranges) **HOW MANY ORANGES ARE THERE?**

(oil) **HOW MUCH OIL...?**

d) Choose the correct word / expression and complete the sentences.

some – how much – how many – any

- HOW MANY sandwiches have you got?
- Is there ANY milk in the fridge?
- HOW MUCH sugar do you need?
- can you see ANY fruit on the table?
- HOW MANY friends have you got?
- My mother has SOME chocolate for us.
- Mary makes SOME nice scones for tea.

e) Use the words in the box and complete as the example

- bar
- six-pack
- tube
- roll
- head
- bottle
- bunch
- dozen
- slice
- cup
- carton
- jar
- box
- bag
- can



f) Fill in the gaps using any, **some** , **a lot of**, **much**, **many**, or **no**.

- There is NO high school in Florence.
- He hasn't got MUCH money.
- Would you like SOME tea?
- Mark likes to read. He has got A LOT OF books.
- It cost A LOT OF money to travel round the world.
- I haven't got MUCH time to spend with you. I'm sorry.
- Mrs. Milles went to the supermarket to buy some butter but they didn't have MUCH
- I'd like some cake too. Please, give me SOME
- Mr. Smith wants to buy a new car, but he can't because he doesn't earn that MUCH.
- Their party cost MUCH more than they expected.
- Don't buy MANY carrots!
- Get SOME bread from the bakery , please.
- There aren't MANY vegetables in the fridge. I'm going to buy SOME.
- The shop has got MANYclothes on the shelves.

Ask and answer questions as the example.

- flour / fridge / pantry

Is there any flour in the fridge?- No there isn't, but there is some in the pantry.

- Orange juice / pantry / fridge

Is there any orange juice in the fridge? No there isn't, but there is some in the pantry.

- Jam / cupboard / fridge?

Is there any jam in the fridge? No there isn't, but there is some in the cupboard.

- Fruit / cupboard / fridge

Is there any fruit in the fridge? No there isn't, but there is some in the cupboard.

- Cheese / table / fridge

Is there any cheese in the fridge? No there isn't, but there is some on the table.

- butter / cupboard / fridge

Is there any butter in the fridge? No there isn't, but there is some in the cupboard.