

FOOD



COUNTABLE / UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

COUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you can count.
- You can use *a / an* before them.
- Nouns that have a plural form.

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

- Nouns you can't count
- Normally, you can't use *a / an* before them.
- Nouns that normally don't have a plural form
- We can make UNCOUNTABLE nouns COUNTABLE using a unit or a quantity with "OF"
e.g.: a bar of chocolate

HOW MUCH... / HOW MANY...

- used to ask about the quantity of something.
 - How much + **uncountable nouns**
e.g.: *How much ham do you need for the recipe?*
 - How many + **COUNTABLE** :
e.g.: *How many potatoes and sausages?*

QUANTIFIERS

A quantifier is a word or phrase used to talk about quantities, amounts or degree. They can be used with a noun (as a determiner) or without a noun (as a pronoun).

e.g.: *Is there any cheese?* (any as a determiner)
Yes, there's a little. (a little as a pronoun)

some + plural countable nouns or uncountable singular forms.

- It has an affirmative meaning.
- It can be used in questions when expressing offer or request.
e.g.: *Do you have **some** time to help me?*
*Sure. I have **some** minutes after lunch.*

any + plural countable nouns or uncountable singular forms.

- it is used for indefinite quantities in questions and negative sentences.
- We use any to mean 'it does not matter which or what', to describe something which is not limited. We use this meaning of any with all types of nouns and usually in affirmative sentences.
e.g.: *Call me for **any** information about the courses.*
*We could choose **any** colours we wanted.*

much + uncountable noun
used to express a large quantity
e.g.: *I haven't got **much** change.*

many + plural nouns
e.g.: *Are there **many** campsites near you?*

a lot of / lots of + uncountable or plural nouns

- it is more usual in affirmative sentences
- more informal
e.g.: *We've got **lots of** things to do.*
*That's **a lot of** money.*

a little + uncountable nouns

- used to express a small quantity
- it has a positive meaning
e.g.: *She saves **a little** money every month.*

little + uncountable nouns

- used to express a small quantity
- it has a negative meaning
e.g.: *There is **little** information, I'm afraid.*

a few + plural nouns

- used to express a small quantity
- it has a positive meaning
e.g.: *she wants only **a few** moments on her own.*

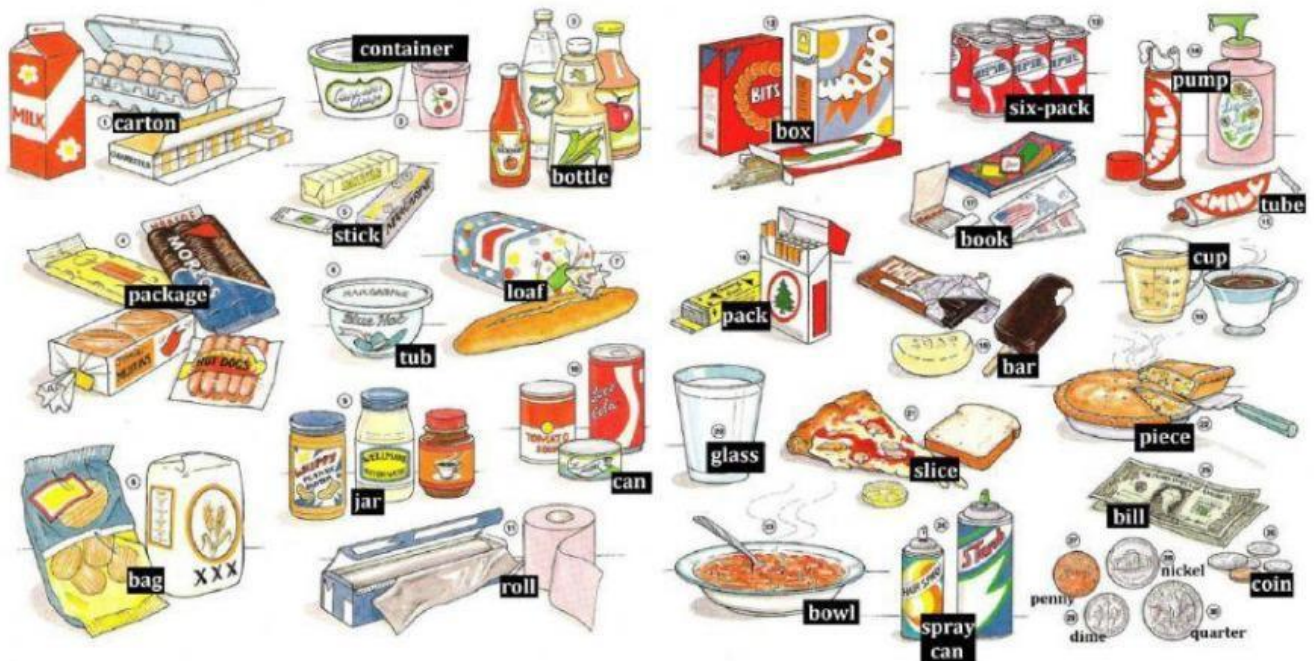
few + uncountable nouns

- used to express a small quantity
- it has a negative meaning
e.g.: *She has only **few** moments on her own, that's why she is always so tired.*

no + zero quantity (no = not any)

- We use **no** directly before nouns
- **None** is the pronoun form of **no**.
e.g.: *She says she has **no** friends.*

CONTAINERS AND QUANTITIES



EXERCISES

- 1) Divide the words below into COUNTABLE or UNCOUNTABLE

bread - lemons - chocolate - sugar - milk - oranges -
cheese - coffee - eggs -

COUNTABLE	UNCOUNTABLE

- 2) Use **a / an** or **some**, and write C for COUNTABLE or U for UNCOUNTABLE.

- | | |
|----|----------------------------|
| a) | _____ money () |
| b) | _____ glass of water () |
| c) | _____ ponds () |
| d) | _____ cup of tea () |
| e) | _____ bar of chocolate () |
| f) | _____ ice-cream () |
| g) | _____ rice () |
| h) | _____ coffee () |
| i) | _____ cake () |
| j) | _____ sugar () |

- 3) Ask questions using **how much/ many** with **there is/ are**.

a) (eggs)

_____?

b) (meat)

_____?

c) (jam)

_____?

d) (water)

_____?

e) (flour)

_____?

f) (tea)

_____?

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

Some - how much - how many - any

- a) _____ sandwiches have you got?
- b) Is there _____ milk in the fridge?
- c) _____ sugar do you need?
- d) Can you see _____ fruit on the table?
- e) _____ friends have you got?
- f) My mother has _____ chocolate for us.
- g) Mary makes _____ nice scones for tea.
- h) He hasn't got _____ money.

- i) Would you like _____ tea?
- j) Mrs. Milles went to the supermarket to buy _____ butter but they didn't have _____
- k) I'd like _____ cake too. Can I have _____?
- l) Don't buy _____ carrots!
- m) Get _____ bread from the bakery, please.
- n) There aren't _____ vegetables in the fridge. I'm going to buy _____.

5) Number according to the picture.

1) 	2) 	3) 	4) 	5) 
6) 	7) 	8) 	9) 	() six-pack
10) 	11) 	12) 	13) 	() tube
14) 	15) 	16) 	17) 	() roll
				() head
				() bottle
				() carton
				() jar
				() box
				() bar
				() bunch
				() dozen
				() slice
				() cup
				() bag
				() can
				() glass
				() tub

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

e.g.: flour / fridge / pantry

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

a) Orange juice / pantry / fridge

_____?

_____.

b) Books / shelf / desk

_____?

_____.

c) Information / brochure / website

_____?

_____.

d) News / tv / online

_____?

_____.