

COUNTABLE/UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Some nouns in English are countable – we can use them in singular and plural forms. Some are uncountable – they only have one form.

Countable Nouns:

We often use a/an with singular countable nouns and some with plurals.

I've got a steak, some red peppers, some potatoes...

Uncountable nouns:

These are nouns that don't have a plural form.

I've got some garlic and some butter.

Do you want some cake?

We use some with both countables and uncountables.

CONTAINERS AND PARTITIVES

Uncountable nouns take the shape of the container are measured according to them.

					
a tin of tuna	a glass of water	a jug of water	a cup of tea	a packet of rice	a jar of honey
					
a loaf of bread	a slice of bread	a carton of milk	a can of cola	a bottle of cola	a bowl of rice
					
a kilo of meat	a bar of soap	a bar of chocolate	a bag of flour	a piece of cheese	a piece of furniture

SOME or ANY

We use SOME and ANY with plural nouns and uncountable nouns.

Some is generally used in positive sentences.

Any is generally used in negative and question sentences.

(+) I have **some information** for you about flights to Paris.

(-) I don't have **any information** for you about flights to Paris.

Do you know **any famous people**?

But, SOME is used in the following circumstances:

1. When we are offering something.

Would you like some coffee?

Do you want some sugar for your coffee?

2. When we are asking for something.

Can I have some fries with that?

EXERCISES:

A: Write Countable (C) or Uncountable (U).

() water () rice () peas () tomato () sugar

B: Write some or any.

1. "Is there _____ tea in this kitchen?"
2. "Are there _____ girls in your class?"
3. The Browns haven't got _____ children.
4. Sorry, there isn't _____ salt in the soup.
5. There are _____ lamps in the house.

C: Write a, an, some or any.

1. Is there _____ book on the table?
2. Has Mr. Evans got _____ coffee?
3. This is _____ interesting newspaper.
4. Is there _____ coffee in the kitchen?
5. There are _____ cups of tea on the table.
6. Have the Evans got _____ flat?
7. She watches _____ exciting film.
8. Do you see _____ people on the street?
9. We don't sent _____ email.
10. We don't sent _____ emails.
11. My father has got _____ new projects.
12. My parents read _____ books.

D: Fill in the Blanks.

Ali,

I'm very busy today so please go shopping. The shopping list is below.

- two _____ of bread
a _____ of grapes
three _____ of fresh milk
a _____ of honey
two _____ of soda
two _____ of tuna

Thank You - MOM

E: Write the suitable container or partitive from the box.



jar – bar – carton – bag – glass – packet –piece –
jug – cup – box – slice – bowl -loaf-bunch

- 1-a _____ of cereal
2-a _____ of cake
3-a _____ of salad
4-a _____ of flour
5-a _____ of chocolate
6-a _____ of tea
7-a _____ of milk
8-a _____ of jam
9-a _____ bread
10-a _____ of parsley
11-a _____ of pizza
12-a _____ of juice
13-a _____ of water
14-a _____ of soda

F: Fill in with a few or a little.

- 1-He speaks _____ Spanish, so we could find a nice room in Madrid.
- 2-There are only _____ bananas left in the box.
- 3-We need _____ butter for this cake.
- 4-The teacher gives us _____ time to prepare before a test.
- 5-There are only _____ days left to hand in the reports.
- 6-I bought _____ apples in this shop.
- 7-Could I have _____ milk in my coffee, please?
- 8-Look! There are _____ mice on the roof.
- 9-We saw _____ people at the bus stop.
- 10-We have _____ ketchup and _____ sausages left.

G: Choose the correct option.

- 1-We haven't got _____ petrol. We need to stop and get some.
a.much b.many c.little
- 2-We had _____ rain last autumn.
a.a lot of b.much c.many
- 3-There was _____ food in the fridge. It was nearly empty.
a.little b.a little c.few
- 4-You travel a lot. Have you been to _____ countries?
a.much b.many c.few
- 5-It costs _____ money to give your children a good education.
a.much b.many c.a lot of
- 6-Do you read _____ books?
a.much b.many c.a lot of