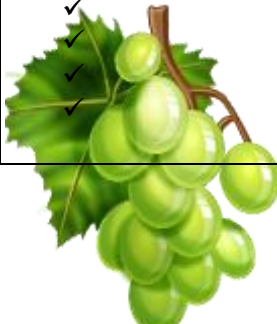
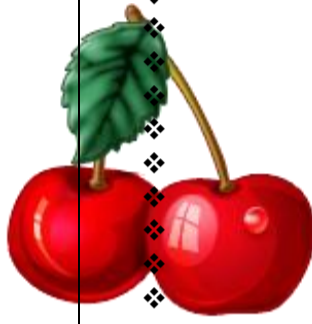

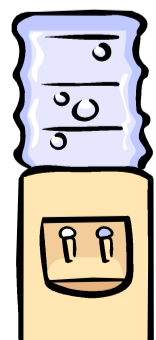
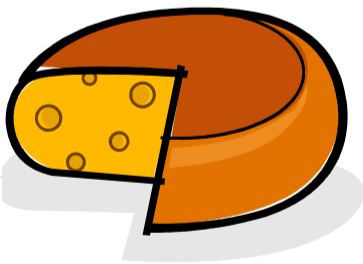


“Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.” **Robert Frost**

*Countable and uncountable nouns*

Things that you can count (countable nouns)	Things that you can't count (uncountable nouns)
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## Countable Nouns:

Countable nouns are easy to recognize. They are things that we can count. For example: "pen". We can count pens. We can have one, two, three or more pens.

Here are some more countable nouns:

- dog, cat, animal, man, person
- bottle, box, litre
- coin, note, dollar
- cup, plate, fork
- table, chair, suitcase, bag

Countable nouns can be singular or plural:

- My **dog is** playing.
- My **dogs are** hungry.

We can use the indefinite article **a/an** with countable nouns:

- **A** dog is **an** animal.

When a countable noun is singular, we must use a word like **a/the/my/this** with it:

- I want **an** orange. (*not* I want orange.)
- Where is **my** bottle? (*not* Where is bottle?)

When a countable noun is plural, we can use it alone:

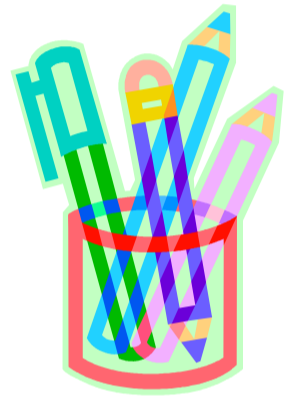
- I like oranges.
- Bottles can break.

We can use **some** and **any** with countable nouns:

- I've got **some** dollars.
- Have you got **any** pens?

We can use **a few** and **many** with countable nouns:

- I've got **a few** dollars.
- I haven't got **many** pens.



## Uncountable Nouns

Uncountable nouns are substances, concepts etc that we cannot divide into separate elements. We cannot "count" them. For example, we cannot count "milk". We can count "bottles of milk" or "litres of milk", but we cannot count "milk" itself. Here are some more uncountable nouns:

- music, art, love, happiness
- advice, information, news
- furniture, luggage
- rice, sugar, butter, water
- electricity, gas, power
- money, currency

We usually treat uncountable nouns as singular. We use a singular verb. For example:

- **This news is** very important.
- Your luggage **looks** heavy.

We do not usually use the indefinite article **a/an** with uncountable nouns. We cannot say "an information" or "a music". But we can say **a something of**:

- **a piece of** news
- **a bottle of** water
- **a grain of** rice

We can use **some** and **any** with uncountable nouns:

- I've got **some** money.
- Have you got **any** rice?

We can use **a little** and **much** with uncountable nouns:

- I've got **a little** money.
- I haven't got **much** rice

## A/An - Some - Any

### Use

- We use **a/an** in all forms (affirmative, negative and interrogative) with **countable nouns in the singular**.  
*There is **a** photo album on the table. There isn't **a** chair in the room. Is there **an** ashtray here?*
- We use **some** in the **affirmative** with either **countable nouns in the plural** or **uncountable nouns**.  
*We need **some** potatoes and **some** meat.*  
**Note:** We use **some** in the interrogative for offers or requests.  
*Would you like **some** juice? (offer)*  
*Can I have **some** water, please? (request)*
- We use **any** in the **negative** and the **interrogative** with either **countable nouns in the plural** or **uncountable nouns**.  
*There **aren't** any books on the shelf. There **isn't** any milk. Are there **any** apples left? Is there **any** coffee in the pot?*

## A lot of – Much/Many – How much/How many – (A) few/(A) little

### Use

- We usually use **a lot of** in **affirmative sentences** with either **countable nouns in the plural** or **uncountable nouns**. We omit **of** when **a lot** is not followed by a noun.  
*She has got **a lot of** books.*  
*A: Is there **any** cheese?*  
*B: Yes, there's **a lot**.*
- We usually use **much** and **many** in the **negative** and the **interrogative**. We use **much** with **uncountable nouns**, and **many** with **plural countable nouns**.  
*I don't drink **much** coffee. I haven't got **many** pencils.*  
*Is there **much** tea in the pot? Have you got **many** toys?*
- We use **how much** and **how many** in questions. We use **how much** with **uncountable nouns** and **how many** with **countable nouns in the plural**.  
***How much** lemonade have you had? **How many** shirts have you got?*
- We use **a few** (= not many; some) with **countable nouns in the plural**. We use **a little** (= not much; some) with **uncountable nouns**.  
*We've got **a few** books. We've got **a little** flour.*

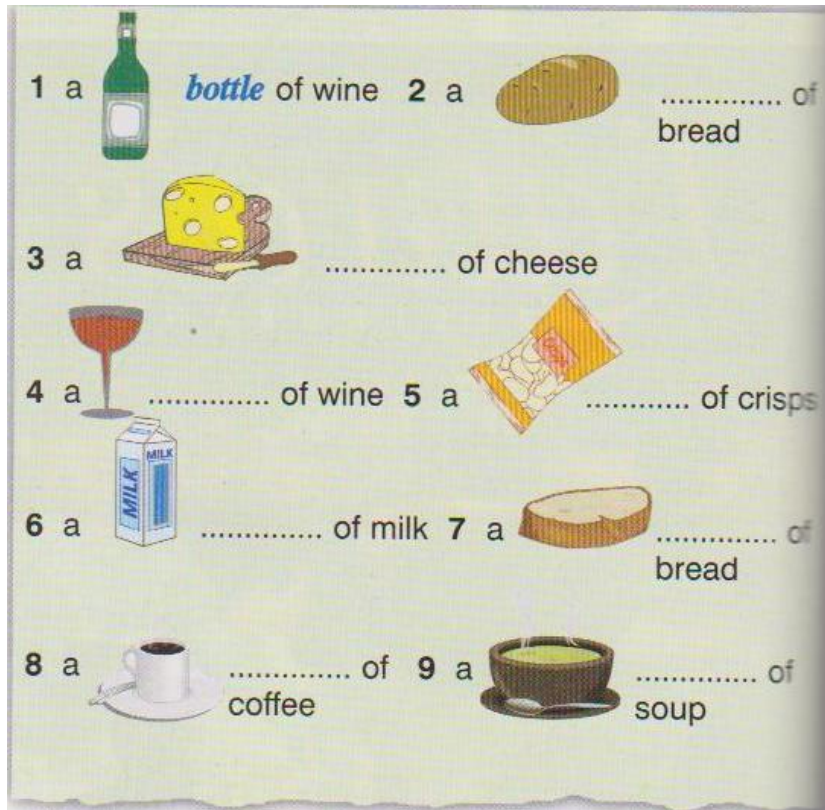
### Exercise 2:

1. Fill in *a/an* or *some* with the following nouns.

 .....	 .....	 .....
honey	tomatoes	jam
 .....	 .....	 .....
rice	coffee	cherries
 .....	 .....	 .....
egg	ham	sugar
 .....	 .....	 .....
flour	sandwich	butter
 .....	 .....	 .....
water	salt	pepper

2. Fill in the correct words from the list:

Slice / Bottle / Glass / Packet / Bowl / Loaf / Cup / Carton / peace



3. Look at the pictures, then use the words to ask and answer, as in the example:

Carton / Packet / Jar / Bottle / Tub / Can / Bar



1. A: Is there any milk left?  
B: Just one carton.

## Homework:

1. Complete the following sentences with *some* or *any*:

- Please give me \_\_\_\_\_ more coffee.
- I'm sorry, but there isn't \_\_\_\_\_ more coffee.
- The baby is asleep. Please don't make \_\_\_\_\_ noise.
- We need \_\_\_\_\_ oranges for breakfast.
- I'm sorry, but I didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ time to prepare my lessons last night.
- He never makes \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes in spelling.
- I wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ fresh eggs, but there weren't \_\_\_\_\_ in the store.
- I never have \_\_\_\_\_ problem with my car.

2. Complete the following sentences with *much* or *many*:

- He doesn't spend \_\_\_\_\_ time on his English.
- Does this factory produce \_\_\_\_\_ different kinds of products?
- Does she spend \_\_\_\_\_ money on clothes?
- Is there \_\_\_\_\_ oil in Venezuela?
- He doesn't drink \_\_\_\_\_ milk.
- How \_\_\_\_\_ windows are there in your classroom?
- How \_\_\_\_\_ time do you spend on your English every day?
- How \_\_\_\_\_ times a week do you go to the movies?
- How \_\_\_\_\_ money do you spend on textbooks each semester?

## Exercise 3:

1. Use the prompts to ask and answer questions, as in the example:

Bread – a loaf

A: Do we need **any bread**?

B: Yes, we do. There's only **a little** left.

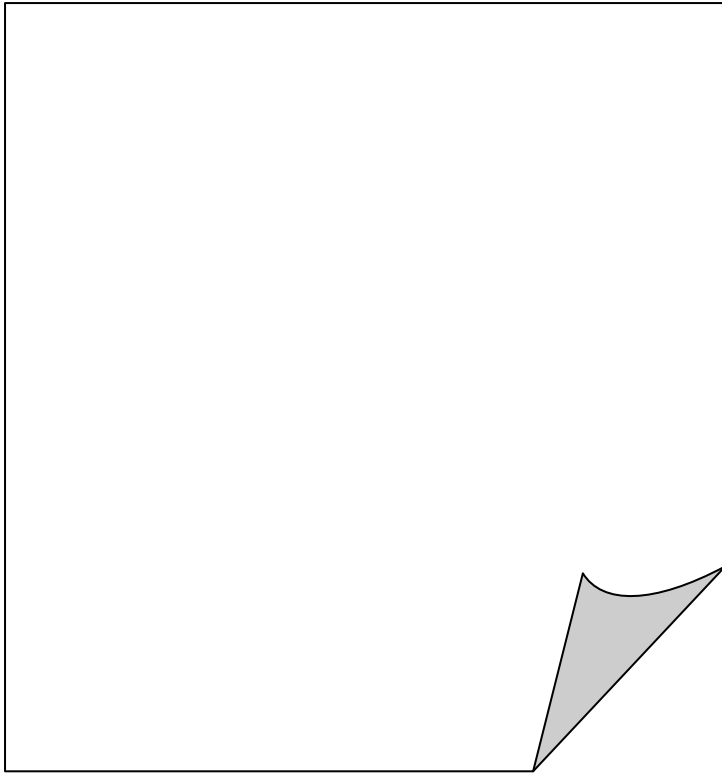
A: **How much** do you need?

B: I think **a loaf** will be enough.

- a. Water – a bottle
- b. Tea – a packet
- c. Jam – A jar
- d. Beans – a tin
- e. Orange juice – a carton

2. Write a shopping list for a recipe, follow the example:





Remember the next advice:

### **Countable**

### **Uncountable**



#### **Singular**

#### **Plural**

Thing  
Onion  
Job  
Coin  
Table  
Story

Things  
Onions  
Jobs  
Coins  
Tables  
Stories

Stuff  
Garlic  
Work  
Money  
Furniture  
History