

## Some - Any / A - An

- We use **some** in the affirmative with either countable nouns in the plural or uncountable nouns.  
*We need some strawberries and some milk.*  
Note: We use **some** in the interrogative for offers or requests.  
*Would you like some coffee? (offer)*  
*Can I have some orange juice, please? (request)*
- We use **any** in the negative and the interrogative with either countable nouns in the plural or uncountable nouns.  
*There isn't any bread.*  
*Are there any biscuits left?*
- We use **a/an** in all forms (affirmative, negative and interrogative) with countable nouns in the singular.  
(a + consonant sound)  
(an + vowel sound)  
*There is a vase on the table.*  
*There isn't an apple in the fridge.*  
*Is there a book on the shelf?*

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

- We usually use **a lot of/lots of** in affirmative sentences with either countable nouns in the plural or uncountable nouns. We omit **of** when a **lot/lots** is not followed by a noun.  
*She has got a lot of books.*  
*There's still lots of milk in the carton.*  
A: *Is there any cheese?*  
B: *Yes, there's a lot. / Yes, there's lots.*
- 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've got a few apples.*
- We use **a little** (= not much; some) with uncountable nouns.  
*We've only got a little money.*

## Plurals

### Spelling Rules

- To form plural nouns we usually add **-s** to the noun.  
*one pen - two pens*
- Nouns ending in **-s, -ss, -sh, -ch, -x** or **-o** take **-es** in the plural.  
*bus - buses, glass - glasses, brush - brushes, watch - watches, fox - foxes, tomato - tomatoes*  
However, some nouns ending in **-o** take only **-s**.  
*radio - radios, piano - pianos, studio - studios, video - videos, kilo - kilos*
- Nouns ending in **a vowel + y** take **-s** in the plural.  
*boy - boys*
- Nouns ending in **a consonant + y** drop the **-y** and take **-ies** in the plural.  
*party - parties, baby - babies*
- Most nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe**, drop the **-f** or **-fe** and take **-ves** in the plural.  
*knife - knives, wolf - wolves*  
However, some nouns ending in **-f** or **-fe** take only **-s**.  
*roof - roofs, cliff - cliffs, giraffe - giraffes*

### Irregular Plurals

Some nouns do not form their plural according to the above rules. They either have a different form or the same form as in the singular. These are:

Singular	Plural
child	children
man	men
woman	women
foot	feet
tooth	teeth
goose	geese
mouse	mice
sheep	sheep
ox	oxen
deer	deer

### Countable / Uncountable Nouns

- Countable nouns are nouns which we **can count**. They have **singular** and **plural forms**.  
*one egg, two eggs, three eggs*
- Uncountable nouns are nouns which we **cannot count**. Uncountable nouns have **only singular forms**. These nouns include:

food: cheese, butter, salt, pepper, bread, spaghetti, etc

liquid: coffee, milk, water, tea, lemonade, etc

We can use the following nouns before uncountable nouns to show quantity:

a bottle → a bottle of cake	a packet → a packet of spaghetti
a glass → a glass of water	a slice → a slice of cheese
a carton → a carton of milk	a loaf → a loaf of bread
a cup → a cup of coffee	a kilo → a kilo of sugar
a bowl → a bowl of rice	a bar → a bar of chocolate

**G** Uncountable nouns can be made countable by using these words:



a bottle of milk



a glass of water



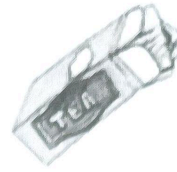
a cup of tea



a loaf of bread



a slice of bread



a packet of tea



a jar of jam



a can of Coke



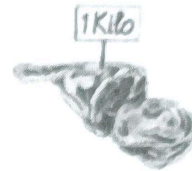
a piece of cheese



a bowl of sugar

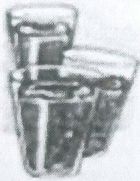


a carton of milk



a kilo of meat

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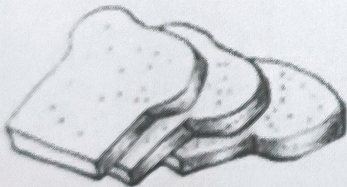
1. Three *glasses* of water.



2. Two ..... of sugar.



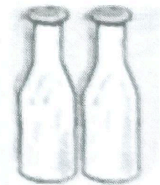
3. Two ..... of bread.



4. Three ..... of bread.



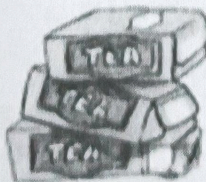
5. Two ..... lemonade.



6. Two ..... of milk.



7. Two ..... of cake.



8. Three ..... of tea.



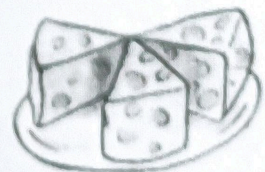
9. Three ..... of Coke.



10. Two ..... of coffee.



11. Three ..... of jam.



12. Three ..... of cheese.

**Some / any**

Choose **some** or **any**:

- 1) Have you got **some/any** bread?
- 2) I have got **some/any** biscuits.
- 3) There isn't **some/any** rice the fridge.
- 4) Nadia has got **some/any** rice.
- 5) Have you got **some/any** burgers?
- 6) I haven't got **some/any** pizza.
- 7) There is **some/any** cheese on the table.
- 8) She hasn't got **some/any** fruit.
- 9) Have you got **some/any** cakes?
- 10) Susan has got **some/any** bananas.
- 11) I've got **some/any** bananas for Kim.
- 12) There aren't **some/any** oranges on the table.
- 13) Have you got **some/any** brothers or sisters?
- 14) There is **some/any** milk in the fridge. It's for Susan.
- 15) This salad is awful! There isn't **some/any** salt in it!

**Much / many**

Complete with **HOW MUCH** or **HOW MANY**.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ potatoes are there in the fridge?
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate do you sell everyday?
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ people come to the supermarket a week?
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ stars do you see every night?
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ pasta do you eat at the weekends?
- 6) \_\_\_\_\_ rice is there in the kitchen?
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ cars have you got?
- 8) \_\_\_\_\_ lemons do you buy a week?
- 9) \_\_\_\_\_ apples are there on the table?
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ beef do you need?
- 11) \_\_\_\_\_ cucumbers do we have?
- 12) \_\_\_\_\_ biscuits shall we make?
- 13) \_\_\_\_\_ lettuce do we have for salad?
- 14) \_\_\_\_\_ haggis would you like?
- 15) \_\_\_\_\_ money have we got?