

# FOOD – COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

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## COUNTABLE / UNCOUNTABLE NOUS

### COUNTABLE NOUS

- 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 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



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

- some money      U
- 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
- a cake      C
- an egg      C
- an orange      C

a) Write the word in the correct category, countable or uncountable.

strawberries – bread – lemons – chocolate –  
sugar – tea – milk – oranges – eggs

**Countable**

- strawberries
- lemons
- oranges
- eggs

**Uncountable**

- bread
- chocolate
- sugar
- tea
- milk

c) Ask questions using **how much** or **how many**

- (eggs) **How many** eggs do you need?
- (meat) **How much** meat is in the lasagna?
- (jam) **How much** jam do you put on your toast?
- (water) **How much** water did you drink today?
- (flour) (harina) **How much** flour is in the bread?
- (tea) **How much** tea do you want?
- (oranges) **How many** oranges are in the fridge?
- (oil) **How much** oil is in the pan?

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 is making some nice scones for tea.

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

- He hasn't got any money.
- Would you like some tea?
- Mark likes to read. He has got a lot of books.
- It costs a lot of money to travel round the world.
- I haven't got any time to spend with you. I'm sorry.
- Mrs. Milles went to the supermarket to buy some butter but they didn't have any.
- 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 any carrots!
- Get some bread from the bakery, please.
- There aren't any vegetables in the fridge. I'm going to buy some.
- The shop hasn't got any clothes on the shelves.