

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



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

- some money U
- ___ cup of tea ___
- ___ sugar ___
- ___ bar of chocolate ___
- ___ ice-cream ___
- ___ rice ___
- ___ glass of water ___
- ___ coffee ___
- ___ cake ___
- ___ egg ___
- ___ orange ___

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

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

Countable

Uncountable

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

- (eggs) **How many** eggs do you need?
- (meat) _____?
- (jam) _____?
- (water) _____?
- (flour) (harina) _____?
- (tea) _____?
- (oranges) _____?
- (oil) _____?

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

some – how much – how many – any

- How many sandwiches have you got?
- Is there _____ milk in the fridge?
- _____ sugar do you need?
- Can you see _____ fruit on the table?
- _____ friends have you got?
- My mother has _____ chocolate for us.
- Mary is making _____ 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 ___ tea?
- Mark likes to read. He has got _____ of books.
- It costs _____ money to travel round the world.
- I haven't got ___ time to spend with you. I'm sorry.
- Mrs. Milles went to the supermarket to buy some butter but they didn't have _____
- I'd like some cake too. Please, give me _____
- Mr. Smith wants to buy a new car, but he can't because he doesn't earn that _____.
- Their party cost ___ more than they expected.
- Don't buy _____ carrots!
- Get _____ bread from the bakery, please.
- There aren't _____ vegetables in the fridge. I'm going to buy _____.
- The shop hasn't got _____ clothes on the shelves.