

## Countable / Uncountable:

A noun can be countable or uncountable.

Countable	Uncountable
<p>Countable nouns are <b>things we can count</b>.</p> <p>A countable noun can be <b>singular</b> (banana) <b>or plural</b> (bananas).</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I eat a banana every day.</li><li>• I like bananas.</li><li>• We do not have enough cups.</li></ul>	<p>Uncountable nouns are <b>things we can not count</b>.</p> <p>An uncountable noun has <b>only one form</b> (rice).</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I eat rice every day.</li><li>• I like rice.</li><li>• We do not have enough water.</li></ul>

We use how much and how many to ask about quantities.

- **How much + uncountable nouns**
- **How many + countable nouns**

### **Examples:**

- Countable: How many apples do you want?
- Uncountable: How much rice do you want?

## Some / Any:

<b>Some</b>	<b>Any</b>
<p>We use <b>some</b> with <b>affirmative</b> sentences with both countable and uncountable nouns.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There are some potatoes.</li><li>• There is some water.</li></ul>	<p>We use <b>any</b> with <b>negative</b> sentences, with both countable and uncountable nouns.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We haven't got any bananas.</li><li>• We have not got any bread.</li></ul>
<p>We use <b>some</b> in <b>questions</b> when we <b>ask for things</b> and <b>offer things</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can I have some water?</li><li>• Would you like some chips?</li></ul>	<p>We use <b>any</b> with both countable and uncountable nouns in <b>questions</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are there any tomatoes?</li><li>• Is there any meat?</li></ul>

## A / An:

<b>A</b>	<b>An</b>
<p>Before singular count nouns that begin with consonant.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She is a <b>p</b>hotographer.</li><li>• He is a <b>t</b>eacher.</li><li>• It's a <b>h</b>at.</li></ul>	<p>Before singular count nouns that begin with a vowel sound.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• She is an <b>a</b>rtist.</li><li>• He is an <b>e</b>ngineer.</li><li>• It's an <b>u</b>mbrella.</li></ul>
<p>Do not put a / an before plural nouns. Instead, use plural countable nouns alone.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I like bananas.</li><li>• Accidents can be prevented.</li></ul>	

## A lot of / Much / Many:

<b>A lot of</b>	<b>Much</b>	<b>Many</b>
<p>We use <b>a lot of</b> in <b>affirmative</b> and <b>negative</b> sentences, and in <b>questions</b>, with <b>both countable and uncountable nouns</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I eat a lot of fish.</li><li>• I drink a lot of milk.</li></ul>	<p>We use <b>much</b> in <b>negative</b> sentences and <b>questions</b>, with <b>uncountable nouns</b>.</p> <p>We <u>never</u> use much in affirmative sentences.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I don't eat much salt.</li><li>• Do you eat much salt?</li></ul> <p>N.B. A lot of can also be used in these cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I don't eat a lot of salt.</li><li>• Do you eat a lot of salt?</li></ul>	<p>We use <b>many</b> in <b>negative</b> sentences and <b>questions</b> with <b>countable nouns</b>.</p> <p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I don't eat many cakes.</li><li>• Do you have many books?</li></ul> <p>N.B. A lot of can also be used in these cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I don't eat a lot of cakes.</li><li>• Do you have a lot of books?</li></ul>

## Exercises:

### A. Write whether these are countable or uncountable:

1. milk →
2. room →
3. butter →
4. song →
5. music →
6. minute →
7. tea →
8. child →
9. key →

### B. Write the correct word a / an or some

1. I have \_\_\_\_\_ good idea.
2. That's \_\_\_\_\_ interesting job!
3. They have found \_\_\_\_\_ gold in that old mine.
4. Do the Smiths have \_\_\_\_\_ yellow van?
5. Look! He's having \_\_\_\_\_ sandwiches.
6. He always likes \_\_\_\_\_ piece of chocolate.
7. I have \_\_\_\_\_ homework to do for tomorrow.
8. There's \_\_\_\_\_ nice girl in the red car.
9. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ milk with your cookies?
10. How about \_\_\_\_\_ grapes?

**C. Use “How many” or “How much”.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ stars are there in the sky?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ people live on islands?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ birds are there?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ water is in the ocean?
5. \_\_\_\_\_ money is in a bank?
6. \_\_\_\_\_ countries are there in the world?
7. \_\_\_\_\_ bread is eaten per day?
8. \_\_\_\_\_ bones are there in the human body?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ sand is in the deserts?
10. \_\_\_\_\_ information is on the internet?

**D. Use “much” or “many”**

1. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ milk left in the fridge.
2. You shouldn't eat so \_\_\_\_\_ sweets.
3. My friend doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.
4. I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ time to practice basketball.
5. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ people in the shops today?

**Answer Key:**

A.

1. milk → **uncountable**
2. room → **countable**
3. butter → **uncountable**
4. song → **countable**
5. music → **uncountable**
6. minute → **countable**
7. tea → **uncountable**
8. child → **countable**
9. key → **countable**

B.

1. I have **a** good idea.
2. That's **an** interesting job!
3. They have found **some** gold in that old mine.
4. Do the Smiths have **a** yellow van?
5. Look! He's having **some** sandwiches.
6. He always likes **a** piece of chocolate.
7. I have **some** homework to do for tomorrow.
8. There's **a** nice girl in the red car.
9. Would you like **some** milk with your cookies?
10. How about **some** grapes?

C.

1. **How many** stars are there in the sky?
2. **How many** people live on islands?
3. **How many** birds are there?
4. **How much** water is in the ocean?
5. **How much** money is in a bank?
6. **How many** countries are there in the world?
7. **How much** bread is eaten per day?
8. **How many** bones are there in the human body?
9. **How much** sand is in the deserts?
10. **How much** information is on the internet?

D.

1. There isn't **much** milk left in the fridge.
2. You shouldn't eat so **many** sweets.
3. My friend doesn't eat **much** fruit.
4. I don't have **much** time to practice basketball.
5. There aren't **many** people in the shops today?