

Countable / Uncountable:

A noun can be countable or uncountable.

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

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:

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

A / An:

A	An
<p>Before singular count nouns that begin with consonant.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She is a photographer.• He is a teacher.• It's a hat.	<p>Before singular count nouns that begin with a vowel sound.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• She is an artist.• He is an engineer.• It's an umbrella.
<p>Do not put a / an before plural nouns. Instead, use plural countable nouns alone.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I like bananas.• Accidents can be prevented.	

A lot of / Much / Many:

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

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?