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Countable and Uncountable Nouns



There are **eight books**.
One book is open on the **table**.

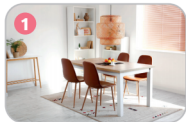


They eat **toast** and **jam**.
They drink **juice** with it.

- ▶ A **countable noun** is a noun that you can count with numbers. It has both singular and plural forms.
- ▶ An **uncountable noun** is a noun that cannot be counted using numbers. It doesn't have a plural form.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Countable Nouns | Singular | a book | an elephant | a leaf | a sandcastle | an umbrella | |
| | Plural | animals | dresses | gifts | keys | leaves | problems |
| Uncountable Nouns | | furniture | hair | money | rice | snow | sugar |
| | | homework | meat | music | salt | soap | tea |
| | | information | milk | rain | sand | soup | water |

A Complete the sentences. Use the clues. Write an **X** if no number is needed.



1 We have four number chairs noun around the table. chair



2 I spilled number noun on the floor. milk



3 The boy is building number noun. sandcastle



4 Jenny is listening to number noun. music

Some


Mom invited **a friend** over.
They are having **some tea**.



We are making **a cake**.
We have **some flour** and **some eggs**.

- ▶ **Some** is used with plural countable nouns. With countable nouns, **some** means *a few*.
- ▶ **Some** is also used with uncountable nouns. With uncountable nouns, **some** means *a little*.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| a/an + singular nouns | I eat an apple , and Gina eats a cupcake . |
| some + plural nouns | There are some boxes and some books on the table. |
| some + uncountable nouns | Emily has some homework to do. |

B Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use **a** or **some**.



- 1** There are _____ crayons in _____ cup.
- 2** The man is eating _____ meat and _____ rice.
- 3** She is pouring _____ water into _____ glass.


C Complete the sentences. Use **a**, **an**, or **some**.


- 1** We see _____ elephant in Africa. We also see _____ zebras.
- 2** I found _____ egg in the fridge. There is _____ milk in the fridge, too.
- 3** Sarah bought _____ dress. She also bought _____ gifts for her friends.


Grammar Practice

A Circle the correct answers.


1 It is a butter / butter .


2 It is a mouse / mouse . 

 3 That is a island / an island .

4 We have a problem / an problem . 

 5 He has house / a house .

6 There is a snow / some snow . 

 7 A dog is an animal / animals .

8 Drink a lot of waters / water . 

B Choose the correct answers.

 1 He would like _____ salt with his meal.

a a

b an

c some

 2 Laura borrowed _____ umbrella from her friend.

a a

b an

c some

 3 They have _____ ideas for the party.

a a

b an

c some

C Circle the mistakes and write the correct sentences.

 1 Joy played an soccer game with her friends.

→ _____

 2 Karen has questions some.

→ _____

 3 There is soap some in the bathroom.

→ _____

D Look at the picture and complete the sentences. Add **a**, **an**, or **some**.

potato

money

egg

cucumber

cherry



I bought **1** _____ and

2 _____.

I also bought **3** _____

and **4** _____.

I have **5** _____.

E Complete the passage. Use the given words.

an

homework

some

furniture

a

My Bedroom



I have **1** _____ great bedroom.

There is some **2** _____ in it.

There is a desk.

I have **3** _____ orange chair.

I do my **4** _____ at my desk.

Today, I have **5** _____ science homework.



Some and Any



There **are some** eggs.
There **is some** juice.



There **isn't any** milk.
There **aren't any** cookies.

- ▶ We use **some** in affirmative sentences.
- ▶ We use **any** in questions and in negative sentences.
- ▶ Both **some** and **any** are used with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns.

| | Plural Countable Nouns | Uncountable Nouns |
|----------------------|---|--|
| Affirmative | I bought some shoes for the trip. | We need some help with this. |
| Negative | There aren't any students in the class. | I don't have any money right now. |
| Question and Answers | Are there any chairs in the room? Yes, there are some chairs. No, there aren't any chairs. | Is there any soda in the fridge? Yes, there is some soda. No, there isn't any soda. |

A Circle the correct answers.

- We saw **some / any** dirt on the floor.
- Do you have **some / any** pencils in your bag?
- She bought **some / any** apples at the market.

B Look at the picture and complete the conversation. Use **some** or **any**.



- A Do you see **1** _____ birds?
- B No, I don't see **2** _____ birds.
- I see **3** _____ deer over there.

A lot of, Many, and Much



Nicole has **a lot of homework**.
She studies **many subjects**.



There is **a lot of rain** today.
There isn't **much wind**.

- ▶ We use **many** with plural countable nouns, **much** with uncountable nouns, and **a lot of** with both.
- ▶ **A lot of** is informal. **Many** and **much** are more formal.
- ▶ We use **much** in questions, negatives, and with adverbs of degree like **too**, **very**, and **so**.

| | Plural Countable Nouns | Uncountable Nouns |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Affirmative | Mia has many/a lot of hobbies . | Dad spends so much/a lot of money . |
| Negative | We don't have many/a lot of pens . | She doesn't have much/a lot of time to study. |
| Question and Answers | Do you have many/a lot of eggs ? Yes, we have many/a lot of eggs . No, we don't have many/a lot of eggs . | Is there much/a lot of sugar ? Yes, there is too much/a lot of sugar . No, there isn't much/a lot of sugar . |

C Check (✓) all the correct answers.

- I saw _____ birds near the lake.
- She has _____ friends in her school.
- They didn't get _____ sleep last night.
- There is not _____ sunshine today.
- Are there _____ hospitals in your city?
- Is there _____ noise here at night?

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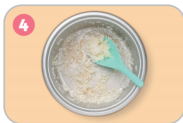
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Grammar Practice


A Circle the correct answers. 

-  1 I don't have **some / any** money in my wallet. I spent it all.
-  2 There are **much / many** chairs in the classroom.
-  3 He doesn't eat **much / many** sugar.
-  4 Is there **some / any** snow on the mountain?
-  5 She doesn't drink **a lot of / many** tea in the morning.

B Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use **many** or **much**. 



-  1 My mom has _____ clothes in her closet.
-  2 They had so _____ fun last winter.
-  3 There are _____ stars in the night sky.
-  4 There isn't _____ rice in the pot.

C Rewrite the sentences. Use **many** or **much**. 

-  1 She doesn't have a lot of money left.

→ _____

-  2 There will be a lot of people at the concert tonight.

→ _____

-  3 Does the baby have a lot of hair?

→ _____