

A noun can be countable or uncountable

Countable Uncountable Countable nouns are things we can count.

A **countable noun** can be **singular** (banana) or **plural** (bananas).

Examples:

- I eat a *banana* every day.
- I like *bananas*.
- We do not have enough *cups*.

Uncountable nouns are things we can not count.

An uncountable noun has only **one form** (rice).

Examples:

- 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?

Use of some:

We use some with affirmative sentences with both countable and uncountable nouns.

Examples: There are some potatoes.

There is some water.

We use some in questions when we ask for things and offer things.

Examples:

- Can I have some water?
- Would you like some chips?

Use of Articles "A" and "An"

"A" Before singular count nouns that begin with consonant.

Examples:

- She is a photographer.
- He is a teacher.
- It's a hat.

"An" Before singular count nouns that begin with a vowel sound.

Examples:

- She is an artist.
- He is an engineer.

It's an umbrella

Do not put a / an before plural nouns. Instead, use plural countable nouns alone.

Examples:

I like bananas.

Accidents can be prevented.

Use of A lot of:

A lot of Much Many We use a lot of in affirmative and negative sentences, and in questions, with both countable and uncountable nouns.

Examples: I eat a lot of fish.

I drink a lot of milk.

Use of Much:

We use much in negative sentences and questions, with uncountable nouns.

We never use much in affirmative sentences.

Examples: I don't eat much salt.

Do you eat much salt?

A lot of can also be used in these cases:

I don't eat a lot of salt.

Do you eat a lot of salt?

Use of many:

We use many in negative sentences and questions with countable nouns.

Examples:

I don't eat many cakes.

Do you have many books?

A lot of can also be used in these cases:

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 "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.