

31 Counting

In English, nouns can be countable or uncountable. Countable nouns can be individually counted. Objects that can't be separated and counted are uncountable.

 **New language** Uncountable nouns

 **Aa Vocabulary** Food containers

 **New skill** Talking about food

31.1 KEY LANGUAGE COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Use "a," "an," or a number to talk about countable nouns.

"Some" can be used for both countable and uncountable nouns.

COUNTABLE NOUNS

There is an egg. 

There are four eggs. 

There are some eggs. 

Use "some" when there are more countable things than you can easily count.

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Uncountable nouns are always paired with verbs in the singular.

There is some rice. 

Always use "some" with uncountable nouns, not "a," "an," or a number.

31.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

 **a sandwich**

 **an apple**

 **four bananas**

 **two burgers**

 **some milk**

 **some water**

 **some spaghetti**

 **some sugar**



31.3 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

Michael has **two** / **some** milk.



1 Jake has **an** / **some** apple. 

2 There is **a** / **some** coffee. 

3 Reena eats **a** / **some** spaghetti.



4 There are **two** / **some** eggs.



5 I've got **a** / **some** bananas.



31.4 KEY LANGUAGE NEGATIVES AND QUESTIONS

For both countable and uncountable nouns, use "any" in negative sentences and questions.

COUNTABLE NOUNS

There are *some* eggs.

Use "are" for positive countable statements.

There aren't *any* eggs.

Use "aren't" for negative countable statements.

Are there *any* eggs?

Use "are there" for countable questions.

UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

There is *some* rice.

Use "is" for positive uncountable statements.

There isn't *any* rice.

Use "isn't" for negative uncountable statements.

Is there *any* rice?

Use "is there" for uncountable questions.



31.5 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Are there any bananas?

There are some bananas.

There aren't any bananas.

1 Is there any milk?

There is some chocolate.

There aren't any apples.

2

There is some chocolate.

There aren't any apples.

3

Is there any cheese?

No, *there isn't.*

Are there any burgers?

No, *there aren't.*

1 Is there any milk?

Yes, *there is.*

Is there any spaghetti?

No, *there isn't.*

31.7 VOCABULARY FOOD CONTAINERS



box



bottle



bag



bar



tube



glass



carton



jar



31.8 KEY LANGUAGE MAKING UNCOUNTABLE THINGS COUNTABLE

Uncountable nouns can be made countable if they are placed in containers.



some sugar



a bag of sugar



some water



three bottles of water



some cereal



a bowl of cereal



31.9 FILL IN THE GAPS TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

There is a jar of coffee.



3 There is _____ juice.



1 There is _____ flour.



4 There are _____ spaghetti.



2 There is _____ coffee.



5 There are _____ milk.



31.10 KEY LANGUAGE QUESTIONS ABOUT QUANTITIES

You use "many" to ask questions about quantities of countable nouns, and "much" to ask questions about quantities of uncountable nouns.

How **many** eggs are there?

Use "many" for countable questions.

How **much** rice is there?

Use "much" for uncountable questions.



31.11 FURTHER EXAMPLES QUESTIONS ABOUT QUANTITIES

How **many** cupcakes are there?

How **much** pasta is there?

How **many** apples are there?

How **much** chocolate is there?



31.12 FILL IN THE GAPS USING "HOW MUCH" AND "HOW MANY"

How **much** pizza is there?

1 _____ glasses of juice are there?

2 _____ water is there?

3 _____ potatoes are there?

4 _____ bars of chocolate are there?

5 _____ pasta is there?

6 _____ cartons of juice are there?

7 _____ milk is there?



31.13 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Listen as Mila and Jon plan a shopping trip.

How many pizzas are there?

one two three

1 How much flour do they need?

two bags one bag three bags

2 How many cartons of juice are there?

one three five

3 How much coffee is there?

none some

4 They need some...

sausages cheese burgers.

31 ✓ CHECKLIST

Uncountable nouns

Aa Food containers

Talking about food