

Countable vs Uncountable Nouns

- 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 cannot 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?** for uncountable nouns. Example: How much rice do you want?
- **How many?** for countable nouns. Example: How many apples do you want?

Some vs Any:

➤ 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?

➤ We use **any** with **negative** sentences, with both countable and uncountable nouns.

Examples:

We haven't got any bananas.

We have not got any bread.

➤ We use **any** with both countable and uncountable nouns in **questions**.

Examples:

Are there any tomatoes?

Is there any meat?

A vs An:

➤ **A** is used before singular countable nouns that begin with consonant.

Examples:

She is a **photographer**.

He is a **teacher**.

It's a **hat**.

➤ **An** is used before singular count nouns that begin with a vowel sound.

Examples:

She is an **artist**.

He is an **engineer**.

It's an **umbrella**.

Note:

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

Examples:

I like **bananas**.

Accidents can be **prevented**.

A lot of vs many vs much:

➤ 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.

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

Note: We never use **much** in affirmative sentences.

Examples:

I don't eat much salt.

Do you eat much salt?

Note: 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?

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

Examples:

I don't eat many cakes.

Do you have many books?

Note: 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?

Examples of uncountable nouns:

- **honesty**
- **respect**
- **trust**
- **justice**
- **responsibility**
- **content**
- **information**
- **feedback**
- **data**
- **advertising**
- **experience**
- **training**
- **equipment**
- **knowledge**
- **stress**
- **branding**
- **promotion**
- **traffic**
- **analytics**
- **research**