

Countable and uncountable nouns

Nouns that we can count are called **countable nouns**. We can add an **-s** to make the noun plural. When the subject of a sentence is plural, the verb must also be plural.
There are ten candles on the cake.

We can put **a/an** or a number before a countable noun: **an apple, six bottles**.

Examples: *sandwich, biscuit, cake, grape, crisp*

Nouns that we cannot count and that do not have plurals are called **uncountable nouns**. We do not use **a/an** with uncountable nouns. When the subject of a sentence is an uncountable noun, the verb must be singular.
The birthday party food was delicious.

Examples: *bread, cheese, milk, tea, water*

We can use other words with uncountable nouns so that we know how much we have: *a slice of (bread), a piece of (cheese), a glass of (milk), a kilo of (butter), a plate of (spaghetti).*

We can use the word **some** in front of countable and uncountable nouns in affirmative sentences.
There are some eggs in the box.

We can use the word **any** in front of countable and uncountable nouns in negative sentences and questions.
There aren't any dogs in the park.

Is there any milk left?

1 Complete the sentences with **a, an** or **some**.

Example: *There are some candies on the cake.*

1. There's _____ cake on the table.
2. There's _____ water in the bottle.
3. There's _____ bottle of water on the table.
4. There are _____ cakes on the table.
5. I've got _____ grandfather.
6. My grandfather's got _____ old guitar.
7. Is there _____ apple in your bag?
8. Do your grandparents have _____ pet dog?

2 Circle the correct words.

Example: *Is / Are there any tomatoes in the fridge?*

1. The juice **is / are** freshly-squeezed.
2. The oranges **is / are** freshly-squeezed.
3. The strawberries **is / are** from the garden.
4. My brother's eyes **is / are** blue.
5. My cousin **isn't / aren't** interested in food.
6. There **is / are** a packet of crisps on the table.
7. There **isn't / aren't** any sugar in my coffee.
8. There **is / are** 30 children at this party.

3 Circle the correct words.

Example: *There is a / an / some milk in the fridge.*

1. Do you have **a / an / any** brothers or sisters?
2. Would you like **a / an / some** bread?
3. I would like **a / an / some** tea in the morning.
4. Would you like **a / an / some** plate of strawberries?
5. I have **a / an / some** grandmother in Mexico.
6. We live in **a / an / any** house in the north of England.
7. There's **a / an / some** fly in my soup!
8. There's **a / an / some** rice in the cupboard.

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

an	any	apples	water	are	cheese	is	some	there
----	-----	--------	-------	-----	--------	----	------	-------

Example: *There is some water in the bottle.*

1. Are _____ enough biscuits?
2. _____ there any milk in the fridge?
3. Please can I have _____ orange?
4. There are _____ grapes on the table.
5. There _____ twelve bottles of water here.
6. We haven't got _____ coffee.
7. There are seven _____ on the tree.
8. There is some _____ on the plate.