

COUNTABLE/UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS: A, SOME, ANY

1. Circle the uncountable nouns:

house	car	cheese	apple	money	table
sugar	coffee	cup	pencil	milk	wine
potato	bread	petrol	shoe	film	tea
newspaper	book	water	watch	toast	juice
glass	salt	oil	pen	class	meat
butter	sandwich	ham	egg	advice	holiday
time	chocolate	information	pen	orange	tuna

2. Charles is making an omelette for the first time. He asks his wife Alice who is watching TV.

a) Fill in the gaps with **some** or **any**:

Charles: Alice! Have we got _____ eggs?

Alice: Yes, there are _____ in the cupboard.

Charles: Have we got _____ cheese?

Alice: Yes, there's _____ in the fridge.

Charles: Can I use _____ olive oil?

Alice: Yes, of course.

Charles: I need _____ tomatoes.

Alice: We haven't got _____. Charles, would you like _____ help?

Charles: No, thanks, I'm OK.

b) **Answer/complete** these questions:

1. Do we use some or any in positive sentences? _____

2. Do we use some or any in negative sentences? _____

3. Do we usually use some or any in questions? _____

4. But we use _____ in questions when we expect the answer "Yes" or when the question is an offer.

3. Fill in the gaps with **some** or **any**:

Tom: Let's go for a picnic in the park.

Sarah: OK. We'll make _____ sandwiches. What do we need?

Tom: We haven't got _____ bread. Can you buy _____?

Sarah: Yes, sure. What about butter?

Tom: We've got _____. I'll buy _____ cheese.

Sarah: OK, and is there _____ orange juice in the fridge?

Tom: No, I'll get _____.

Sarah: Good. Do we need _____ apples or cherries?

Tom: Just _____ apples.

Sarah: Oh dear! I haven't got _____ money to buy the bread!

Tom: Don't worry. I'll lend you _____.

4. Cross out **a/an** if it is wrong and substitute it with **some**. If it is **correct**, put a tick (✓)

1. Can you give me **an** _____ information, please?
2. I bought **a** _____ suitcase yesterday.
3. We need **a** _____ money for the cinema.
4. He's eating **a** _____ bread.
5. I'd like **a** _____ advice about my future.
6. We stopped at the filling station to get **a** _____ petrol.
7. I really need **a** _____ holiday.
8. Can you give me **a** _____ water, please? I'm thirsty.
9. Can you pass me **a** _____ newspaper?
10. Do you want **an** _____ apple?

5. Make these sentences **negative**. Use **not...any**

1. We've got some books about cinema.
2. Mary gave me some money yesterday.
3. Susan needs some help with her homework.
4. I bought some apples in the supermarket.
5. She's got some sausages in the fridge.
6. There's some milk in the cupboard.
7. He wrote some letters to his friends.
8. There are some apples left.

6. Rewrite the sentences in exercise 5 using **no**:

1. We've got **no** books about cinema.

7. Fill in the gaps with **some**, **any** or **no**.

1. I'm really thirsty. I need _____ water, please.
2. I went to the library, but I couldn't find _____ books about art.
3. Can you give me _____ coffee, please?
4. She sent _____ postcards to her friends, but she didn't make _____ phone calls when she was in Britain.
5. It's very cold, so there are _____ children playing in the street.
6. I bought _____ coffee, but I didn't buy _____ tea.
7. Have you got _____ chocolate biscuits? I'm sorry, there are _____ biscuits left.
8. "Mary, I'm afraid there's _____ juice in the fridge.
9. They ate _____ apples, but they didn't eat _____ oranges.
10. A. "Do you want _____ cheese? It's delicious". B. "Ok, give me _____."
11. I'm sorry, but I've got _____ time to help you.
12. He prepared _____ fruit for dessert.
13. I wanted to invite you, but I've got _____ money.
14. Is there _____ oil in the kitchen?
15. We need _____ coins for the car park. Have you got _____, Peter?

8. Complete the sentences with **how many**, **how much**, **a lot of**, **enough**, **too many**, **too much**, **not much**, **not many**.

1. A. _____ sugar is there? B. There is _____ to make the cake, Mary.
2. I have got _____ money to buy a ticket for the concert.
3. I've got some rice, but _____.
4. A. Have they got _____ time to practise sport? B. Yes, but _____.
5. A. _____ exercises do you have to do, Charles? B. I _____, I think.
6. Don't buy any potatoes, we've got _____ potatoes left.
7. Peter has got some friends, but _____.
8. _____ people are there in the classroom?
9. Are there _____ people to play a football match?
10. _____ eggs do you need to make the omelette?
11. There were _____ people at the party, it was fantastic.
12. A. _____ chocolate do you eat? B. I think I eat _____, but I'm afraid I'm a chocoholic.
13. She ate _____ chocolates, so she's got a stomach ache.