

# COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

## RELATED TO FOOD AND DRINK

**Countable nouns**, which have singular and plural forms: **apple, vegetable, onion, cake, sandwich, egg, omelette, snack, bean, sausage, burger, crisp, melon.**

**Uncountable nouns**, which have only singular forms: **milk, bread, oil, cheese, soup, juice, meat, honey, salt, pepper, lemonade, pasta, butter, tea, coffee.**

**Countable or uncountable nouns:** **yoghurt, steak, cereal, dessert, pizza.**

## MANY, MUCH, LITTLE, A LITTLE, FEW, A FEW

**Many, few, a few** are used with **countable** nouns.

**Much, little, a little** are used with **uncountable** nouns.

**e.g.** There were **many cakes** on the table but Jane could not eat them all.

**A little** and **a few** often express a **positive** concept. (+)

**Little** and **few** often express a **negative** concept. (-)

**e.g.** There was **little milk** in the bottle but there were **a few** more bottles in the fridge.





## MUCH, MANY



We use **much** and **many** in **formal** language to talk about quantity.

**MUCH** with **uncountable** nouns: **much sugar, much bread, much tea, much honey, much soup, much cheese, much salt, much oil, much pepper.**

**MANY** with **countable** nouns: **many apples, many cakes, many oranges, many tomatoes, many bananas, many onions, many sandwiches.**

## A LOT OF, LOTS OF



We use **a lot of** and **lots of** in **informal** language to talk about quantity.

**A lot of** with **countable** and **uncountable** nouns: **a lot of sugar, a lot of cakes, a lot of honey, a lot of oil, a lot of vegetables.**

**Lots of** with plural **countable** nouns and **uncountable** nouns (more informal than **a lot of**): **lots of steaks, lots of tea, lots of vegetables, lots of sausages, lots of chocolate, lots of food.**

### DON'T FORGET

We use **QUANTIFIERS** when we want to number or show the quantity of the nouns. Quantifiers may express a small or a large quantity.

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STUDY THE RULES!



**SOME**

We can use **some** with both countable and uncountable nouns.

There are **some apples** on the table.

There is **some chocolate** in the fridge.

**ANY**

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

Are there **any apples** on the table?

There isn't **any chocolate** on the table.

**HOW MUCH**

We use **how much** with uncountable nouns, to ask about quantity.

How **much tea** do you drink?

**HOW MANY**

We use **how many** with countable nouns, to ask about quantity.

How **many eggs** did you buy?