

Countable and Uncountable Nouns Exercises (Some/Any)

Level: A1

Countable and uncountable nouns: a/an, some, any

Some nouns are countable: one apple, two apples. Other nouns are uncountable: rice, water, bread, milk, money, cheese. We do not count them, so they have no a/an and no -s.

Countable nouns: We count them: one egg, two eggs, three bananas. They have a singular and a plural form.

Uncountable nouns: We do not count them: rice, water, bread, milk, money, cheese. They have no plural: say some rice, not rices.

A and an: Use a or an only with one countable thing: a banana, an apple. Do not use a or an with uncountable nouns: say some bread, not a bread.

Some: Use some in affirmative sentences, with plural and uncountable nouns: There are some eggs. There is some milk. We also use some when we offer food or drink: Would you like some tea?

Any: Use any in negative sentences and in questions: There isn't any milk. Have you got any eggs?

How much and how many: Use how many with plural countable nouns: How many apples? Use how much with uncountable nouns: How much water?

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct word for each sentence.

1. I want ___ apple.
a) a b) an c) some
2. There is ___ rice on the table.
a) a b) an c) some
3. We haven't got ___ cheese.
a) some b) any c) a
4. There is some ___ in my glass.
a) water b) waters c) a water
5. How ___ eggs do you want?
a) much b) many c) any
6. There are ___ bananas in the kitchen.
a) some b) any c) a

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Type the correct word. Use the words in brackets.

7. There isn't ___ milk for my coffee. (some / any)

8. I have got ___ orange in my bag. (a / an)
9. There are ___ sandwiches on the table. (some / any)
10. My sister eats three ___ every day. (banana)
11. We eat ___ with chicken on Sundays. (rice)
12. We don't have ___ eggs. (some / any)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **bread / got / . / some / we / have**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **money / you / ? / any / got / have**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **any / eggs / we / got / . / haven't**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **milk / there / ? / any / is**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'Rice' is a countable noun. True / False
18. This sentence is correct: 'I want a bread.' True / False
19. This sentence is correct: 'I haven't got some money.' True / False
20. We often use 'some' when we offer food or drink: 'Would you like some water?' True / False
21. 'Information' is uncountable, so 'informations' is not correct. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

1. b) an
2. c) some
3. b) any
4. a) water
5. b) many
6. a) some

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. any
8. an
9. some
10. bananas
11. rice
12. any

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. We have got some bread.
14. Have you got any money?
15. We haven't got any eggs.
16. Is there any milk?

Exercise 4: True or False

17. False
18. False
19. False
20. True
21. True