



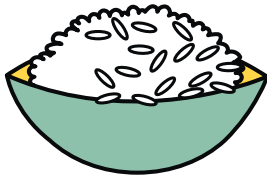
## Use

- Countable nouns are things that we can count.

There's **an** apple.  
There are **three** bananas.  
There aren't **any** oranges.



- Uncountable nouns are things that we cannot count.



There's **some** rice.  
There's **some** water.  
There isn't **any** cheese.

## Form

### Countable nouns

- Countable nouns have **singular** and **plural** forms.
- We use **a** or **an** with singular countable nouns. We use **an** with nouns that start with a vowel.

Singular countable nouns			
	<i>a / an</i>	noun	
There is / There's	<b>a</b>	banana	on the table.
There isn't	<b>an</b>	apple	

### Tip

We can also use numbers with countable nouns:  
*I have **one** brother and **two** sisters.*  
*There are **three** bedrooms in our house.*

- We use **some** with plural countable nouns in positive sentences.
- We use **any** with plural countable nouns in negative sentences and questions.

Plural countable nouns			
	<i>some / any</i>	noun	
There are	<b>some</b>	apples	on the table.
There aren't	<b>any</b>		on the table.
Are there	<b>any</b>		on the table?



### Tip

We add **-s** to form the plural of most countable nouns.

*apple* → **apples**   *banana* → **bananas**

To form the plural of nouns ending in **-x, -sh, -ss, or -ch**, we add **-es**:

*box* → **boxes**   *dish* → **dishes**   *kiss* → **kisses**   *beach* → **beaches**

To form the plural of nouns ending in **-y**, we change **-y** to **-ies**:

*party* → **parties**

Some plural nouns are irregular. We don't form the plural with **-s** or **-es**:

some **women** (NOT *womans*)

three **children** (NOT *childs*)

### Uncountable nouns

- Uncountable nouns are always singular.
- We use **some** with uncountable nouns in positive sentences.
- We use **any** with uncountable nouns in negative sentences and questions.

Uncountable nouns			
	<i>some / any</i>	noun	
There's	<b>some</b>	bread	on the table.
There isn't	<b>any</b>		on the table.
Is there	<b>any</b>		on the table?

### Tip

We don't use numbers with uncountable nouns:

**some milk** (NOT *two-milks*)

Uncountable nouns have no plural form. We don't add **-s**:

**some bread** (NOT *some-breads*)

We don't use *a/an* with uncountable nouns:

**some cheese** (NOT *a-cheese*)

- We can use **much** and **many** in negative sentences and questions.
- We use **much** with uncountable nouns. We use **many** with plural countable nouns.

<b>much</b> with uncountable nouns			
	<i>much</i>	noun	
There isn't	<b>much</b>	bread	on the table.
Is there			on the table?

<b>many</b> with plural countable nouns			
	<i>many</i>	noun	
There aren't	<b>many</b>	apples	on the table.
Are there			on the table?

### Tip

We can also use **a lot of** with countable and uncountable nouns.

*There are **a lot of** students in my class.*

*There isn't **a lot of** milk in the kitchen.*