



ENGLISH

Chapter 13 Session A

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SECONDARY

**Countable and uncountable
nouns:much/many-some/any**



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Get talking!



1 Talk about the pictures with a partner.

Who are the people? Where are they? What are they doing?

2 How often do you ...

a go out to eat alone? **b** get take-out? **c** cook dinner for friends?



1**48 Listen and read.**

Waiter: Here's your order, madam – today's house special, Beef Madison.

Woman: Great. It looks delicious.

Waiter: How much beef would you like, madam?

Woman: A lot, please.

Waiter: Certainly. Here you are. And here are the vegetables. Would you like some carrots?

Woman: Oh yes, please. They look very good.

Waiter: And some peas?

Woman: Just a few, thanks.

Waiter: How many potatoes do you want? They're very good today.

Woman: Oh, well, I think I'll have, say, five.

Waiter: Certainly. Here you are, madam.

Woman: Oh, and do you have any bread?

Waiter: Of course. Here it is. Would you like some butter?

Woman: No, thank you. That's fine.

Waiter: Well, I hope you enjoy your meal.

Woman: What? Oh, it's not for me. It's for my dog.

I'll just have a small salad, thanks!



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Language box



How **much** beef would you like?



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A lot.

How **many** potatoes do you want?

Five.

Would you like **some** peas?

Just a few.

Do you have **any** bread?

Yes, a lot.



Grammar reference » p.108

Countable and uncountable nouns

- We can count some nouns (e.g., 1 apple, 2 apples).
We call these **countable nouns**.
- Nouns that we can't count (e.g., beef, milk) we call **uncountable nouns**.

Remember: bread, jam, milk, etc. are all **uncountable**, but we can say **a loaf of** bread, **a jar of** jam, **a glass of** milk.

many/much

We use **many** with countable nouns:

How **many** potatoes would you like?

I don't want **many** carrots.

We use **much** with uncountable nouns:

How **much** rice would you like?

He doesn't want **much** beef.

In positive sentences, we use **a lot of** rather than **much**:

Joe has **a lot of** rice on his plate.

some

We use ***some*** in positive sentences, with plural countable nouns and with uncountable nouns:

I'd like ***some*** peas, please.

I'd like ***some*** bread, please.

We also use ***some*** in questions to ask for and offer things:

Can I have ***some*** cheesecake?

Would you like ***some*** fruit?

any

We use ***any*** in negative sentences and questions, with plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns:

I don't have ***any*** carrots.

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Complete the questions using *How much* or *How many*. Then match each question with an answer.

- 1 _____ water do you drink in a day?
 - 2 _____ meals do you have every day?
 - 3 _____ milk do you want in your coffee?
 - 4 _____ fruit juice do you drink every week?
 - 5 _____ tomatoes do you want in your salad?
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- a ____ Around four glasses.
 - b ____ I usually have two cartons a week.
 - c ____ None, thanks. I'll have it black.
 - d ____ Two. I usually skip breakfast.
 - e ____ Just one, thanks.

2

Complete the conversation using *some* and *any*.

A: Oh no! We don't have _____ food in the fridge.

B: Yes, we do. There's _____ cheese and
_____ bread.

A: Are there _____ eggs?

B: Yes. Let's make an omelette.

A: Good idea. Would you like _____ soda, too?

B: Yes. That sounds great.

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Circle the correct answers.

- 1 Catherine doesn't eat *much / many* bread.
- 2 I drink *a lot of / much* water every day.
- 3 Do you drink *much / many* milk?
- 4 We don't eat *much / many* vegetables.
- 5 I don't want *any / many* meat.
- 6 Do you eat *a lot of / some* beef?
- 7 Could you buy *some / any* rice when you go out, please?



Challenge!

Complete these sentences with true statements about you.

Then tell a partner.

Every day I eat some ...

I drink a lot of ...

I never eat any ...

I don't drink much ...

I don't eat many ...

For dinner last night I had a few ...

Vocabulary

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Complete the phrases with words from the box.

How many of these things can you see in the pictures?

bag

bottle

bowl

box

bunch

can

carton

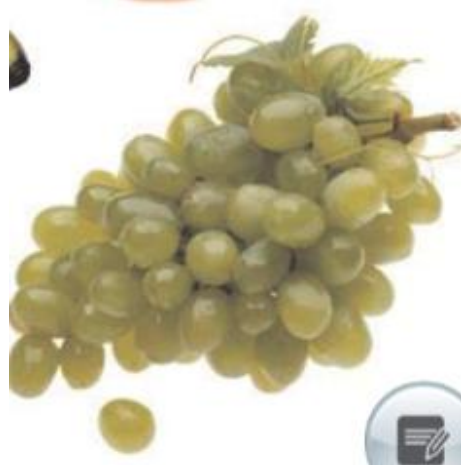
jar

piece

slice

- 1 a bag of pasta, potato chips, salad, rice
- 2 a _____ of grapes, bananas
- 3 a _____ of tomatoes, tuna fish, soda
- 4 a _____ of chocolates, cereal
- 5 a _____ of pizza, cheesecake, bread
- 6 a _____ of sushi, toast, cake, fruit, chocolate
- 7 a _____ of milk, fruit juice, ice-cream, eggs
- 8 a _____ of soup, sugar
- 9 a _____ of vinegar, soy sauce, water, olive oil
- 10 a _____ of jam, coffee, honey





2 Make two lists using the words above.

Uncountable: *pasta, salad* ... Countable: *potato chips, grapes* ...

3 Find things that you and a partner both like.

A: *I drink a lot of milk. How about you?*

B: *I don't drink much milk, but I drink juice. Do you drink a lot of fruit juice?*

Real life exchange



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A: I'm going to go out. Do we need anything from the store?

B: Yes. Could you buy some ¹ _____, please?

A: Sure. How much do you want?

B: Just ² _____.

A: OK. Oh, do we have any ³ _____?

B: No, we don't. Can you get ⁴ _____?

A: OK. And I think I'll buy ⁵ _____, too.

B: Good idea!



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Use these words to make more conversations.

Conversation 1

1 bread
2 a few slices
3 tuna fish
4 a couple of cans
5 some chocolate ice-cream

Conversation 2

1 soy sauce
2 a small bottle
3 jam
4 two jars
5 a bag of potato chips

Conversation 3

1 water
2 one bottle
3 rice
4 a large bag
5 a box of chocolates