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GRAMMAR

Countable & uncountable nouns

Nouns can be countable or uncountable.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• have a plural form <i>This dish has five eggs.</i>• use <i>a/an</i> or <i>the</i> for the singular <i>Can I have an orange?</i>• use <i>some</i> with plural nouns in affirmative sentences <i>I'd like some carrots.</i>• use <i>any</i> with plural nouns in negatives/questions <i>Does it have any chocolate in it?</i>• in the dictionary, countable nouns are marked with a C <i>pen (n/C)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• do not have a plural form, they are always singular <i>I love fruit.</i>• do not use <i>a/an</i>• use <i>some</i> with uncountable nouns in affirmative sentences <i>She drank some water.</i>• use <i>any</i> with uncountable nouns in negatives/questions <i>Don't eat any bread.</i>• in the dictionary, uncountable nouns are marked with a U <i>salt (n/U)</i>

Some nouns can be countable or uncountable, but they mean different things.

juice (U) = the drink

a juice (C) = a glass or bottle of juice

Other nouns like this are *coffee, beer*.

How much/how many

Use *how much* and *how many* to ask about quantities.

How much + uncountable nouns


How much *rice do people eat?*

How many + plural countable nouns

How many *countries make rice?*

Use words like *lots, much, some* to talk about quantities.

These words go before the noun.

 *a lot (of)/lots (of)*

some

not much (with uncountable nouns)

not many (with countable nouns)

*He has **lots of** friends.*

*They **don't** make **much** money.*

Too

Too + adjective means 'more than we want'.

*It's **too** spicy.*

Too + adjective and *very* + adjective are different.

*The tea was **too** hot. I couldn't drink it.*

*The tea was **very** hot, but I could drink it.*

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

In a restaurant

Can I have + noun, please?

Could I/we have + noun?

Can I pay by credit card/by cheque?

Can I help you?

Are you ready to order?

Here you are.

You're welcome.

That's X pounds, please.

WORD LIST

Food

apple <i>n</i> C/U **	/ˈæp(ə)l/
banana <i>n</i> C/U *	/bəˈnɑ:nə/
bean <i>n</i> C **	/bi:n/
bread <i>n</i> U ***	/bred/
butter <i>n</i> U **	/ˈbʌtə(r)/
cake <i>n</i> C/U ***	/keɪk/
carrot <i>n</i> C/U *	/ˈkærət/
cheese <i>n</i> C/U **	/tʃi:z/
chicken <i>n</i> C **	/ˈtʃɪkɪn/
chips <i>n</i> pl ***	/tʃɪps/
chocolate <i>n</i> C/U **	/ˈtʃɒklət/
corn <i>n</i> U **	/kɔ:(r)n/
curry <i>n</i> C/U	/ˈkʌrɪ/
diet <i>n</i> C/U ***	/ˈdaɪət/
egg <i>n</i> C ***	/eg/
fish <i>n</i> C/U **	/fɪʃ/
fruit <i>n</i> C/U ***	/fru:t/
garlic <i>n</i> U *	/ˈgɑ:(r)lɪk/
ice cream <i>n</i> C/U *	/aɪs kɹɪ:m/
lemon <i>n</i> C/U **	/ˈlemən/
lettuce <i>n</i> C/U *	/ˈletɪs/
milk <i>n</i> U ***	/mɪlk/
nutrition <i>n</i> U *	/ˈnju:ˈtrɪʃ(ə)n/
onion <i>n</i> C **	/ˈɒnjən/
orange <i>n</i> C **	/ˈɒrɪndʒ/
pasta <i>n</i> C/U *	/ˈpæstə/
pepper <i>n</i> C/U *	/ˈpepə(r)/
potato <i>n</i> C/U **	/pəˈteɪtəʊ/
rice <i>n</i> U **	/raɪs/
salt <i>n</i> U **	/sɔ:lt/
sauce <i>n</i> C/U **	/sɔ:s/
sausage <i>n</i> C/U *	/ˈsɔ:sɪdʒ/
shellfish <i>n</i> C/U	/ˈʃel, fɪʃ/
soup <i>n</i> C/U **	/su:p/
spinach <i>n</i> U	/ˈspɪnɪdʒ/
steak <i>n</i> C/U *	/steɪk/
sugar <i>n</i> U ***	/ˈʃʊgə(r)/
tomato <i>n</i> C **	/təˈmɑ:təʊ/
vegetable <i>n</i> C/U ***	/ˈvedʒtəb(ə)l/
water <i>n</i> U ***	/ˈwɔ:tə(r)/
wine <i>n</i> C/U ***	/waɪn/

Describing food

cold <i>adj</i> ***	/kəʊld/
cooked <i>adj</i>	/kʊkt/
delicious <i>adj</i> *	/dɪˈlɪʃəs/
healthy <i>adj</i> ***	/ˈhelθi/
hot <i>adj</i> ***	/hɒt/
raw <i>adj</i> **	/rɔ:/
salty <i>adj</i>	/ˈsɔ:lti/
spicy <i>adj</i>	/ˈspeɪsi/
sweet <i>adj</i> ***	/swi:t/

Eating out

bill <i>n</i> C ***	/bɪl/
dessert <i>n</i> C/U *	/dɪˈzɜ:(r)t/
main course <i>n</i> C	/meɪn kɔ:(r)s/
meal <i>n</i> C ***	/mi:l/
menu <i>n</i> C **	/ˈmenju:/
tip <i>n</i> C **	/tɪp/
waiter <i>n</i> C *	/ˈweɪtə(r)/
waitress <i>n</i> C *	/ˈweɪtrəs/

Other words & phrases

almost <i>adv</i> ***	/ˈɔ:lməʊst/
dry <i>adj</i> ***	/draɪ/
wet <i>adj</i> ***	/wet/