



# Worksheet

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## Countable and Uncountable Nouns

### Common Uncountable Nouns in English

advice -air - beef -blood -bread- butter -cheese – chocolate- coffee- cotton – flour- food - furniture- gold -grass - homework -honey- ice- information- jam -juice -ketchup - knowledge- lamb-luggage- mayonnaise-meat- milk - money -music -mustard-news -noise- oil -oxygen- paper- pepper- petrol -plastic – rain- rice - salad -salt -sand - snow - sugar – tea- toothpaste- traffic- trouble- vinegar – water- weather - wood -wool -work

**Countable nouns have singular and plural forms while uncountable nouns can be used only in the singular form.**

**E.g.** table, tables; month, months; pen, pens.

**E.g.** Her jewellery is designed by a well-known celebrity.  
I needed some advice, so I went to see the counsellor.

**Some nouns can be countable or uncountable depending on the context or situation.**

**E.g.**

I saw two hairs on my pillow. (countable).

I don't like short hair. (uncountable).

### Quantifiers :

#### **1.A lot of vs. Lots of**

A lot of and lots of are used to express that there is a large quantity of something.

We use **a lot of** in positive sentences, negative sentences and questions. This expression can be used with countable or uncountable nouns.

There are a lot of dogs in the street. (Countable noun)

I have a lot of time to answer your questions. (Uncountable noun)

## **2. Much vs. Many**

**Much and Many are used to express that there is a large quantity of something.**

**Much and Many are used in negative sentences and questions.**

**Many is used with countable nouns**

**Much is used with uncountable nouns.**

They don't have much money to buy a present. (Uncountable noun)

How many brothers do you have? (Countable noun)

Is there much milk in the fridge? (Uncountable noun)

I have much money. (Incorrect because the sentence is positive / affirmative)

I have a lot of money. (Correct)

## **3. Few vs. Little**

**We use a few and a little to suggest a small quantity or not much of something.**

**A few is used with countable nouns (= some; not many)**

**A little is used with uncountable nouns (= some; not much)**

I have a few crazy friends. (Countable noun)

I would like a little milk for my coffee. (Uncountable noun)

**Few and Little usually have negative meanings.**

He is sad because he has few friends. (Countable noun)

There are few chairs. We can't seat all the people who are coming. (Countable noun)

There is little hope of finding your wallet. I think you lost it forever. (Uncountable noun)

They have very little money. They can't buy food. (Uncountable noun)

## **4. Some and Any**

**The general rule is that any is used for questions and negatives while some is used for positive.**

**Both may be used with countable and uncountable nouns.**

Do we need any rice?

No, we don't need any rice.

We have some rice in the cupboard.

Some may also be used for questions, typically offers and requests, if we think the answer will be positive.

Would you like some wine?

May I have some more chocolate?

These are some containers we use with uncountable nouns.



## Exercises

### A. Choose the correct quantifier.

- We met ..... interesting people at the party.  
an                      any                      some
- How ..... people are coming to the party?  
some                      much                      many
- I haven't got my camera, so I can't take ..... photographs.  
some                      any                      much
- I haven't got ..... luggage.  
many                      some                      any
- How ..... milk do you want in your coffee?  
much                      many                      some
- I drink ..... tea.  
much                      a lot of                      many
- There aren't ..... hotels in this town.  
many                      much                      some
- How ..... time do we have?  
many                      any                      much

9. They moved to France ..... years ago.  
a few                      some                      few
10. He had \_\_\_\_ time to study, but he still failed.  
many                      a lot of                      much
11. Can we have \_\_\_\_ cake ?  
some                      any                      many
12. There aren't \_\_\_\_ tickets let for the concert.  
few                      much                      many
13. I'm so tired today. I paid \_\_\_\_ attention in class.  
few                      little                      a little

**B. Fill in the gaps with either( some or any).**

1. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ time to finish your lunch. We need to leave now!
2. We have \_\_\_\_\_ ham sandwiches in the fridge if you're hungry.
3. Shall we bake \_\_\_\_\_ cupcakes for the party?
4. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ family in Italy?
5. I won't need to do \_\_\_\_\_ more revision after my exams.
6. There aren't \_\_\_\_\_ shopping centres near my house.
7. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ news on the royal couple's wedding plans yet?
8. We finally have \_\_\_\_\_ news about the royal wedding!
9. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ more soup, or are you full?
10. Pick \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ birthday card you like. I think they're all nice.

**C. Fill in the gaps with either ( few, little, a few or a little).**

1. There's \_\_\_\_\_ chance of Mary coming to the wedding. She's in Australia!
2. We have \_\_\_\_\_ options for our next holiday and they all look good.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ people visit Siberia in the winter because it's too cold.
4. You have \_\_\_\_\_ time before the next class if you want to get a drink.

5. Let's spend \_\_\_\_\_ days reviewing the proposal as I don't want to rush it.
6. There's \_\_\_\_\_ point in repeating yourself because she never listens!
7. I have very \_\_\_\_\_ colleagues that I would trust in a crisis.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is known about the singer's early life.
9. Your dessert was delicious! Can I have \_\_\_\_\_ more, please?
10. The staff training course takes \_\_\_\_\_ days to complete.

**D. Choose the correct container.**

1. Can I have a loaf/ bottle of bread please?
2. He has a bottle/ packet of spaghetti.
3. Do you want a knife/ spoon of sugar in your tea?
4. I bought a jar/ bottle of honey.
5. I need a slice/ glass of cheese.
6. Do you usually have a bottle/ cup of coffee in the morning?
7. A jar/ bottle of honey costs a lot of money.
8. I ate a can/ tin of tuna for lunch.
9. We always buy two cartons/ pieces of milk.
10. We have a bowl/ jug of soup for dinner.

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