

Grammar Unit 4:

Countable and uncountable nouns:

Countable noun: it's a noun that you can count.

A sandwich, a teacher, a pen, ...

Uncountable noun: it's a noun that you can not count.

Water, rice, shampoo, oil, wine, ...

Attention!!!

An uncountable noun can be countable. How?

Using containers (glasses, bottles, briks, ...), litres, kg, ml, ...

a bottle of shampoo, a glass of water, two briks of milk, ...

Determiners: a / an, some, any, the.

A/an (un/a): singular countable nouns.

a + consonant, **a** plane

an + vowel, **an** apple

Some / any: countable nouns in **plural** / uncountable nouns in **singular**.

(+) (- / ?)

I have got **some pens**.
I haven't got **any pens**.
Have you got **any pens**?

I bought **some coffee**.
I didn't buy **any coffee**.
Did you buy **any coffee**?

Attention!

Some in questions: offers or petitions that we expect “yes” as answer.

Would you like **some** coffee? Yes, please.

Can I have **some** water, please? Of course.

There is / are = hi ha (singular and plural).

Singular

- (+) There is or There's ...
- (-) There is not / isn't ...
- (?) [Wh- questions] + is there

Plural

- (+) There are **Never there're!!!**
- (-) There are not / aren't ...
- (?) [Wh- questions] + are there ...

Examples:

There is = hi ha (singular)

- (+) **There is** a fly in my soup.
- (-) **There isn't** a fly in my soup.
- (?) **Is there** a fly in my soup?
- (?) What **is there** in my soup? A fly? Yes, **there is** / No, **there isn't**.

There are = hi ha (plural)

- (+) **There are** some flies in my soup.
- (-) **There aren't** any flies in my soup.
- (?) **Are there** any flies in my soup?
- (?) What insects **are there** in my soup? Flies? Yes, **there are** / No, **there aren't**.

Much, many and a lot of

(+) sentences: a lot of

Uncountable nouns in singular (molt/molta)

I have got a lot of homework to do.

There's a lot of smoke.

Countable nouns in plural (molts/moltes)

There are a lot people in the party.

I have got a lot of pens in my pencil case.

(- and ?) sentences: much and many

Uncountable nouns in singular

(-) gaire o no massa

I haven't got much money left.

I haven't got much homework to do today.

(?) gaire o molta quantitat

Have you got much money left?

Yes, I have / No, I haven't.

Have you got much homework to do today?

Yes, I have / No, I haven't.

Countable nouns in plural

(-) gaires o no molts/es

I haven't got many coins left.

I haven't got many exercises to do today.

(?) uns/es quants/es - més quantitat que 'some' = alguns/es

Have you got many coins left?

Yes, I have / No, I haven't.

Have you got many exercises to do today?

Yes, I have / No, I haven't.

Quantifiers: How much ... / How many ... ?

How much ... **Uncountable nouns** (before uncountable nouns in singular): quant ... (fent referència a la quantitat).

How much money have you got in your pocket?

How much sugar have you got in your mug?

How many ... **Countable nouns** (before plural nouns): quants / quantes

How many friends have you got?

How many books has your brother got?