

# Food: Countable and Uncountable Nouns

## COUNTABLES



## UNCOUNTABLES



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- There are two kinds of nouns in English, countable and uncountable.
  - Countable nouns: things you can count. They can be in singular or plural: **one** apple ; **two** apples; **three** apples

# Countable and Uncountable

## nouns

- Uncountable nouns: things you can't count . They include :
  - Names of substances: bread; coffee; gold; paper; oil; glass.
  - Abstract nouns: advice; death; help; information; news
  - Some other nouns: baggage; damage; luggage; shopping.

# Countable and Uncountable nouns

- Uncountable nouns are always in singular.
- They are not used with **a/an**, but often used with **some** and **any**

# Some and Any

- **Some** and **Any** refer to an indefinite quantity or number:
  - Do you have **any** butter?
  - I want **some** water please

# Some and Any

- We usually use **some** in affirmative clauses and **any** in questions and negatives. Compare:
  - Do you have **any** money?
  - I have **some** money with me
  - I don't have **any** money

# Some and Any

**We can use some in offers and requests:**

Would you like some coffee?

Can I have some coffee?