# ENGLISH UNIT TEN



**ELEMENTARY COURSE** 

WITH THE INSPIRE ACADEMY



COUNTABLE AND UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

### **DEFINITIONS**

In English, there exists two types of nouns, countable and uncountable nouns.



These nouns can either be singular (a pen) or plural (pens) and can be used with a number (3 pens)

**A BOTTLE** 



**A MAN** 

10 BOTTLES 2 MEN

**A SURFBOARD** 



**5 SURFBOARDS** 

**AN ORANGE** 



**12 ORANGES** 

**Uncountable Nouns** 

These nouns cannot be counted in numbers, and often need a 'measuring word' to show how many (e.g. 2 slices of bread, \*\*NOT two breads\*\*)

**PEOPLE** 



3 GROUPS OF PEOPLE MONEY



A LOT OF MONEY

**FURNITURE** 



2 PIECES OF FURNITURE

**PASTA** 



6 BOWLS OF PASTA



## AN/A/SOME/ANY

countable

uncountable

**I NEED** 



an orange

some oranges

some sugar

2 bags of sugar

I DON'T NEED



an orange

any oranges

any sugar

2 bags of sugar

DO I NEED?



an orange

any oranges

any sugar

2 bags of sugar

- We use a/an with singular countable nouns
- We use some + for plural countable and uncountable nouns. N.B. some = not an exact number or quantity
- Any for plural countable nouns and uncountable nouns

#### 1.FILL IN THE GAPS:



- Do you have ..... bread?
- I have to buy ..... sweets for his birthday party.
- Where can I buy ..... umbrella around here?
- They don't have .....idea how to run a supermarket.
- I'm buying ...... old computer for the office.
- We've got ..... problems.



### QUANTIFIERS

	positive	negative	question
Countable (plural)	A lot of Some Many Few No	Many Any	How many A lot of
Uncountable (singular)	A lot of Some A little No A bit of	Much Any	How much Any

#### **Examples**

He isn't selling **many peaches** this morning. (countable -)

We don't have **any money** at the moment. (uncountable -)

How **much sugar** is in one can of Coca Cola? (uncountable?)

There are a lot of great performers at this festival (countable +)

How many cards are you holding in your hand? (countable?)

I need a little milk. (uncountable?)

You have **no tomatoes** to eat (countable +)



### 2.CIRCLE ALL THE COUNTABLE NOUNS AND UNDERLINE THE UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS

Dog Dollar Phones Magic Kilometre Man Money Ice Cream

Sea Person Bread Apples

Clothes Car Sugar Milk

#### **3.CIRCLE THE CORRECT QUALIFIER**

How **much / many** years have you lived in Starsbourg?

Do you have **any/some** bread today?

Many/much people come to me for medicine.

I have a **few/a bit** of rice in the cupboard.

I don't need **any/some** help at the moment, but thank you.

