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A Food







a cake



iam [U]



butter [U] cheese [U]



biscuits

a piece of cake sugar [U] cake [U]





pasta [U]

olive oil [U]

SPOTLIGHT uncountable nouns

The nouns with a [U] are usually uncountable.

- butter OR some butter (NOT a butter/butters)
- This bread **is** nice. (NOT These breads are nice.)

We can use phrases to count or talk about an amount of an uncountable noun.

a piece of cheese

■ two bars of chocolate

Some nouns can be countable or uncountable. Uncountable is for the food. etc. generally. Countable is for a small unit of it.

■ I like chocolate. [U]

■ Would you like **a chocolate**? [C]





chocolate [U] a bar of chocolate

a box of chocolates

1 Tick (\checkmark) the answers that are right, and correct the answers that are wrong. Use the \odot to help you. Practise saying the words.

•	a butter	butter / some butter	6	some sugar	
1	biscuits		7	an olive oil	
2	a piece of cheese		8	rices	
3	two butters		9	a jam	
4	a piece of chocolate		10	olives	
5	a bread		11	a cheese	

- Circle the correct word.
 - ► There(is) are sugar in jam.
 - 1 You make *cheese / pasta* with eggs.
 - 2 You can put *cheese / cake* on bread.
 - **3** There's a lot of sugar in *cake / bread*.
 - 4 You can eat *rice / biscuits* with meat.
- **5** There's no sugar in *chocolate / pasta*.
- 6 I've got a box of *milk / chocolates*.
- 7 Butter / Pasta comes from milk.
- 8 We have *olives / biscuits* with coffee.
- ABOUT YOU Look at the pictures. Which things do you: often buy? sometimes buy? never buy? Write your answers, or tell another student.
 - ► I often buy eggs.



B Buying food





Could I have a kilo of onions, Customer

please?

Shop assistant OK. Do you need a bag?

Customer No, I've got one, thanks. And have

you got any peaches?

Shop assistant Yes. **How many** do you want?

Customer Four, please.

Are they **ready** to eat?

Shop assistant Yes, they're lovely.

Great. That's all, thanks. Customer



SPOTLIGHT how much? and how many

We use **how much** with uncountable nouns and **how many** with countable nouns:

- **How much** butter do you want?
- **How many** apples do we need?



Customer I need some cheese, please.

Shop assistant Sure. **How much**?

Customer Oh, half a kilo. And some of those

olives, please. About 200 grams.

Shop assistant Right. This is **just over**.

Customer That's fine, thanks.

GLOSSARY

readv

Could I have ..., please? This is a polite way of saying 'I want'. kilogram = 1,000 grams. Kilo is short for kilogram.

> Half a kilo = 500 grams. (see picture)

= Do you have any ...? (**Any** is usually used in questions.) Have you got any ...?

If sth is **ready to eat**, you can eat it now. That's all, thanks. = I don't want any more things.

need If you **need** sth, you must have it. right OK. This means 'Yes, I understand you'.

just over (a kilo) a little more than (a kilo) OPP just under That's fine. = That's OK.

- 4 Match 1-6 with a-q.
 - ► Right. 1 shop assistant
 - 2 customer
 - **3** that's all
 - 4 ready to eat
 - **5** need something
 - 6 just under

- a a person who works in a shop
- **b** I don't want to buy any other things.

- Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.
 - ▶ all / that's / thanks That's all, thanks. / Thanks. That's all.
 - 1 twelve / have / could / please / eggs / l ? 2 need/you/a/do/bag
 - **3** got / French / you / cheese / any / have ?
- 6 Complete the dialogues.
 - ► A Yes? B I'd like six lemons, please. **1** A Have you any apples? B Yes. How would you like?
 - **2** A Could I some cheese, please.
 - B Sure, how A Oh, about 100 , thank you.
 - TEST YOURSELF

- **c** OK to have it now e must have something d I understand what you mean. 🗸 **f** a little less than
- g a person who buys things in a shop or on the internet
 - 4 much / do / pasta / how / need / you
 - 5 kilo/just/half/a/over/that's
 - 6 oranges / many / need / do / how / you
 - I have a kilo of potatoes, please? B Sure. That's under a kilo. 4 A These bananas don't look to eat.
 - B No, they two or three more days.

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