

2 Countable and uncountable nouns (1)



ROASTED VEGETABLES

Ingredients

one red onion
two white onions
three potatoes
some carrots
olive oil
salt and pepper

1 Countable nouns

Countable nouns are things we can count, for example, *carrot, onion, potato*.

- they can be singular: *an onion*

They often have *a/an, the, this/that* in front of them:

Is there a market here? Where's the market? This carrot is very sweet.

- they can be plural: *onions*

They often have *some, the, these/those* in front of them:

I'd like some apples, please. Those apples look good. Do you like apples?

2 Uncountable nouns

Uncountable nouns are things we can't count, for example, *salt, oil, water*.

- they don't usually have a plural form: ~~one oil, two oils~~
- they don't usually have *a/an* in front of them: ~~an oil, a salt~~.

! Uncountable nouns often have *some* in front of them:

~~X Can I have a milk in my coffee?~~

✓ Can I have **some milk** in my coffee?

uncountable noun + singular verb

Petrol is expensive.

This advice is very useful.

Some common uncountable nouns are:

- food: *bread, cheese, meat, tea, coffee, sugar*
- materials: *metal, wood, plastic, paper*
- school subjects and languages: *history, art, music, English, Russian*
- ideas and feelings: *advice, love, time, education, information*
- groups of similar things: *furniture* (chairs, tables, sofas) *luggage* (suitcases, bags)
money (euros, pounds, dollars)

! ~~X Do you have some informations about the castle?~~

✓ Do you have **some information** about the castle?