Countable and uncountable categories and examples board game and presentation

Move around the board by making correct examples of the thing in the square with “some”. You move one square for each correct example when you decide to stop, but can’t move if you make a mistake.

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Instructions
You need one counter each, for example an eraser for one person, a ring for the second person and a small coin for the third person. Place them all on the “Start” square. To move around the board, you must give examples of things in the category in the square with the correct grammar. Start each example with “some”, for example “(There is) some wine” for “liquids” or “(There are) some handbags” for “luggage”. You get one point for each example you can give that is in that category and has the right grammar, and when you have finished you can move that number of squares. However, **if you make a mistake you get no points, so make sure you stop whenever you are not sure about your next answer.**

Continue going round and round the board until your teacher tells you to stop, at which point whoever is ahead wins.
Without looking back at the board, add just “some” or “some______________ s” to the categories below depending on whether they are countable or uncountable.

- alcohol
- beachwear
- beauty product
- bedding
- condiment
- crockery
- cutlery
- detergent
- fabric/ cloth
- footwear
- furniture
- gas
- hair care product
- ingredient for baking
- jewellery
- lighting
- liquid in a car
- liquid in the kitchen
- literature
- luggage
- make up
- meat
- men’s clothing
- men’s grooming product
- metal
- mouth care product
- pollution
- powder
- sportswear
- stuff that you add to hot drinks
- stuff that you pull a length of
- stuff that you rub onto your skin
- stuff that you spread on bread
- thread
- time
- transport
- weather
- winter clothing

Brainstorm examples of each category until you have enough to decide whether examples of that thing are usually countable or uncountable.

Check with the answer key below.
Suggested answers
1  some alcohol - champagne, rum, bitter, mild, IPA, pale ale, rosé, vodka, stout, porter, cider – uncountable
2  some beachwear – swimming costume, summer hat, bikini, bikini top, sarong – countable
3  some beauty products – body scrub, moisturiser, hand cream, hairspray – uncountable
4  some bedding – quilt, fitted sheet, pillow case, duvet, valence, blanket, bedspread – countable
5  some condiments – ketchup, soy sauce, Tabasco, brown sauce, salt, pepper, English mustard, chutney, pickle, mayonnaise – uncountable
6  some crockery – plate, soup bowl, saucer, mug, side plate – countable
7  some cutlery – (table/ tea/ serving/ soup/ dessert) spoon, (fish/ steak) fork, (fish/ steak/ kitchen/ bread/ carving) knife, (disposable) chopstick – countable
8  some detergent – fabric softener, washing powder, washing up liquid, hand soap – uncountable
9  some fabric/ cloth – denim, polyester, Lycra, hemp, jute, lace, wool, cashmere – uncountable
10 some footwear – high heel, trainer, plimsoll, clog, welly (= Wellington boot), flip flop (= thong) – countable
11 some fruit – apple, Satsuma, mandarin, pear, pineapple – countable
12 some fuel – coal, petrol, paraffin, diesel – uncountable
13 some furniture – armchair, dinner table, kitchen chair, swivel chair, filing cabinet, sideboard, chest of drawers, dresser, queen-sized bed, futon/ sofa-bed – countable
14 some gas – oxygen, CO2, hydrogen, helium, nitrogen, carbon monoxide, methane – uncountable
15 some hair care products – conditioner, hairspray, gel, Brylcream – uncountable
16 some ingredients for baking – flour, margarine, water, egg white, icing sugar, yeast – uncountable
17 some jewellery – engagement ring, wedding ring, dangly earring – countable
18 some lighting – desk lamp, fluorescent strip, LED bulb, torch – countable
19 some liquid in a car – oil, brake fluid, antifreeze, water, petrol (= gas = gasoline) – uncountable
20 some liquid in the kitchen – vinegar, sauce, oil, soya milk, soy sauce – uncountable
21 some literature – poem, novel, novella, short story, play – countable
22 some luggage – knapsack, sack, briefcase, suitcase, backpack, satchel, rucksack, handbag, shoulder bag, attaché case – countable
23 some make up – foundation, eye liner, eye shadow, blusher – uncountable
24 some meat – bacon, ham, tongue, pork, chicken, horse, mutton, beef, lamb, venison – uncountable
25 some men’s clothing – bomber jacket, shirt, (bow)tie, DJ, (double-breasted) jacket – countable
26 some men’s grooming products – shaving foam, aftershave, hair gel, Brylcream, shower gel, deodorant, anti-perspirant – uncountable
27 some metal – aluminium, stainless steel, copper, bronze, platinum, gold, cast iron, tin – uncountable
28 some mouth care products – floss, mouthwash, toothpaste, tooth polish – uncountable
29 some pollution – sewage, smoke, smog – uncountable

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30 some powder – flour, cocaine, sugar, salt, pepper, washing powder – uncountable
31 some sportswear – tracksuit, headband, sweatshirt, trainer, vest – countable
32 some stuff that you add to hot drinks – (whipped) cream, sweetener, sugar, (full fat/
semi-skimmed/ skinned) milk, alcohol, creamer – uncountable
33 some stuff that you pull a length of – cling film (= wrap), aluminium foil, toilet roll, kit-
chen roll, string, cotton thread, Sellotape (= Scotch Tape), masking tape, insulating
tape – uncountable
34 some stuff that you rub onto your skin – Vaseline, Vick’s, after sun, suntan lotion – un-
countable
35 some stuff that you spread on bread – jam, marmalade, pâte, pickle, relish, chutney,
mustard, margarine, butter, Marmite/ Vegemite
36 some thread – (dental) floss, string, rope, cotton, twine – uncountable
37 some time – (milli)sec(ond), millennium, fortnight, (long) weekend, mo(ment), era, gen-
eration – countable
38 some transport – minibus, convertible/ cabriolet, estate, SUV, Beemer, Mercedes, rub-
er dinghy, gondola, limousine, airport shuttle bus – countable
39 some weather – rain, hail, sleet, fog, smog, mist, sea spray – uncountable
40 some winter clothing – woolly scarf, jumper, fleece, mitten – countable
Without looking above for now, brainstorm examples of these things

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