

**Countable and Uncountable- compare your days and weeks**

*Work in pairs or threes. Ask about and tell each other about your days/ weekends/ weeks and:*

*Find whose day, weekend or week was healthier.*

OR

*Find things where your amount/ number is higher than your partner (e.g. "a lot of sugar" vs "quite a lot of sugar")*

OR

*Find things below which have been exactly the same for you and your partner today/ this weekend/ this week.*

**Useful questions to ask each other**

"I... How about you/ And you/ What about you?"

"How many...?" / "How much...?"

**Useful phrases to comment on what your partner says**

"Me too"/ "That's (more or less) the same for me"

"(Really?) I..."

"That sounds..."

"I think yours is more... than mine"/ "I think yours is ...er than mine"

**Suggested countable and uncountable things to talk about**

- alcohol
- arguments
- biscuits/ cookies
- bread
- butter
- calories
- cakes
- cigarettes
- coffee
- deadlines
- emails
- excitement
- (physical) exercise
- fast food/ junk food
- fatty food
- fibre
- free time
- fried food
- fruit
- fruit juice
- fun/ enjoyment
- healthy food



- meals
- red meat (e.g. beef)
- overtime
- relaxation
- sleep
- soda (coca cola, etc)
- stress
- study
- sugar
- sweet food
- tea
- telephone calls
- time with family
- time with friends
- vegetables
- vitamins
- wine
- work

### **Suggested amounts to talk about**

- a couple (of)
- a few...s
- a little
- a lot (of)... (s)
- a/ an/ one
- about ten
- almost no... (s)
- bag(s)
- bottle(s)
- box(es)/ packet(s)
- can(s)/ tin(s)
- carton(s)
- cup(s)/ mug(s)
- glass(es)
- jar(s)
- (kilo)gram(s)
- litre(s)/ pint(s)
- loaf/ loaves (of...)
- many...s
- not any... (s)
- not many...s
- not much

- one or two...s
- quite a lot (of) (...s)
- slice(s)
- so many...s
- so much
- some... (s)
- teaspoon(s)
- very few...s
- very little

*As a whole class, ask about anything above you couldn't understand or couldn't use, working together to make a true statement and/ or question that you could ask each time.*

### Countable uncountable grammar presentation

Without looking above, add “-s” to all the (countable) nouns below which can take a plural -s. Write a crossed off “-s” next to the other (uncountable) ones. If you aren’t sure, think about if they take “How many...?” or “How many...?” in questions or if they need “-s” or not with “some...”

alcohol	argument
biscuit/ cookie	bread
butter	cigarette
deadline	excitement
(physical) exercise	fibre
free time	fruit
fruit juice	fun/ enjoyment
meal	red meat
beef	overtime
relaxation	sleep
soda (coca cola, etc)	stress
sugar	tea
telephone call	time (with family/ with friends)
vegetable	wine
work	

Check your answers with the previous worksheets. Countable nouns already have “-s” on those worksheets.

Put words which can go before countable and uncountable nouns like “many” into the two columns below. Some words can go with both. Write a noun with each one, with the correct use of “-s” or no “-s”.

... + countable noun(s)	... + uncountable noun
How many potatoes?	How much cheese?

Hint: Five go with both countable and uncountable.

*Put these words into the two columns above:*

- a couple (of)
- a few
- a little
- a lot (of)
- a/ an/ one
- about ten
- almost no
- many
- not any
- not many
- not much
- one or two
- quite a lot (of)
- so many
- so much
- some
- very few
- very little

*Look at the use of “-s” or no “-s” on the second page to help with the task above.*

*Check your answers as a class or on the next page.*

**Suggested answers**

... + countable noun(s)	... + uncountable noun
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● a couple (of)</li><li>● a few</li><li>● a lot (of)</li><li>● a/ an/ one</li><li>● about ten</li><li>● almost no</li><li>● many</li><li>● not any</li><li>● not many</li><li>● one or two</li><li>● quite a lot (of)</li><li>● so many</li><li>● some</li><li>● very few</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● a little</li><li>● a lot (of)</li><li>● almost no</li><li>● not any</li><li>● not much</li><li>● quite a lot (of)</li><li>● so much</li><li>● some</li><li>● very little</li></ul>