

a cake / some cake / some cakes (countable/uncountable 2)

A a/an and some

a/an + *singular countable nouns* (car/apple/shoe etc.):

- I need **a** new **car**.
- Would you like **an** **apple**?



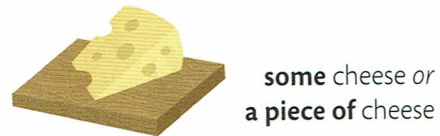
some + *plural countable nouns* (cars/apples/shoes etc.):

- I need **some** new **shoes**.
- Would you like **some** **apples**?



some + *uncountable nouns* (water/money/music etc.):

- I need **some** **water**.
- Would you like **some** **cheese**?
(or Would you like **a piece of** cheese?)



Compare **a** and **some**:

- Nicola bought **a** **hat**, **some** **shoes** and **some** **perfume**.
- I read **a** **newspaper**, made **some** **phone calls**, and listened to **some** **music**.

B Many nouns are sometimes countable and sometimes uncountable. For example:



a cake



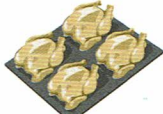
some cakes



some cake or **a piece of** cake



a chicken



some chickens



some chicken or **a piece of** chicken

Compare **a paper** (= a newspaper) and **some paper**:

- I want something to read. I'm going to buy **a paper**.
- but I want to make a shopping list. I need **some paper** / **a piece of paper**. (*not a paper*)

C Be careful with:

advice bread furniture hair information news weather work

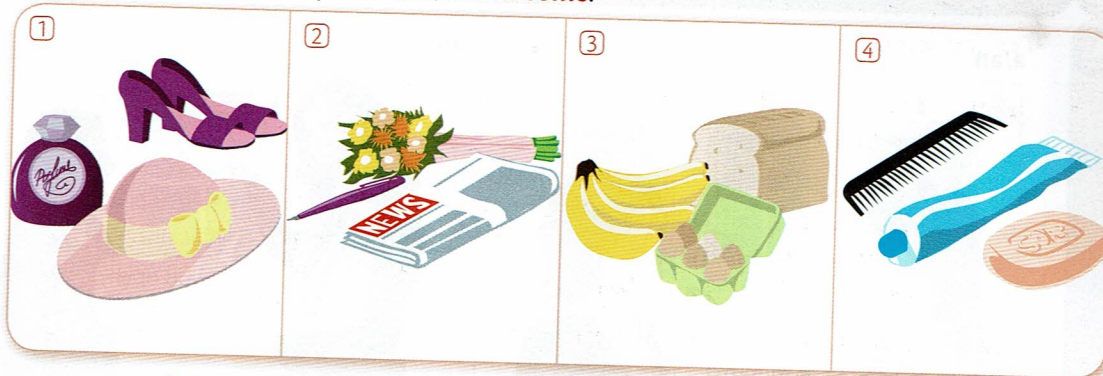
These nouns are usually uncountable. So you can't say **a/an** ... (*a bread, an advice*), and they can't be plural (*-advices, furnitures* etc.).

- Can I talk to you? I need **some advice**. (*not an advice*)
- I'm going to buy **some bread**. (*not a bread*)
- They've got **some** nice **furniture** in their house. (*not furnitures*)
- Silvia has very long **hair**. (*not hairs*)
- Where can I get **some information** about hotels here? (*not informations*)
- Listen! I've just had **some** good **news**. (*not a good news*)
- It's nice **weather** today. (*not a nice weather*)
- 'Do you like your job?' 'Yes, but it's hard **work**.' (*not a hard work*)

We say **a job** (*but not a work*):

- I've got **a** new **job**. (*not a new work*)

68.1 What can you see in these pictures? Use **a** or **some**.



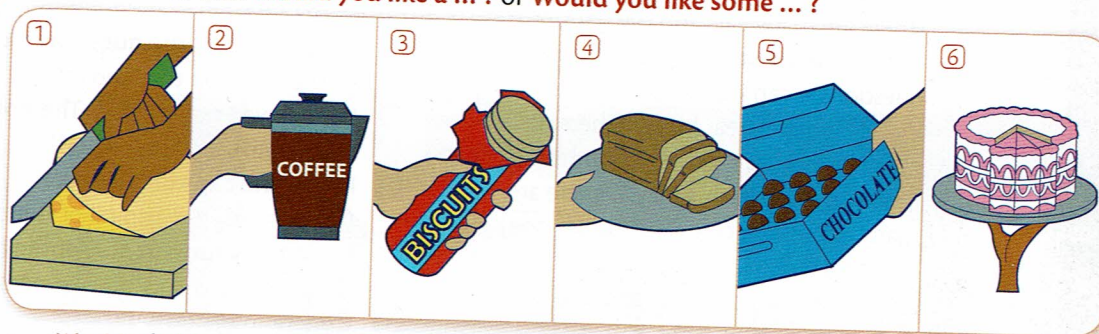
1 some perfume, a hat and some shoes

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68.2 Write sentences with **Would you like a ... ?** or **Would you like some ... ?**



1 Would you like some cheese?

2 Would you like ? 4

3 Would ? 5

..... ? 6

68.3 Write **a/an** or **some**.

- 1 I read a book and listened to some music.
- 2 I need money. I want to buy food.
- 3 We met interesting people at the party.
- 4 I'm going to open window to get fresh air.
- 5 Rachel didn't eat much for lunch – only apple and bread.
- 6 We live in big house. There's nice garden with beautiful trees.
- 7 I'm going to make a table. First I need wood.
- 8 Listen to me carefully. I'm going to give you advice.
- 9 I want to make a list of things to do. I need paper and pen.

68.4 Which is right?

- 1 I'm going to buy some new shoe/shoes. (shoes is right)
- 2 Mark has brown eye/eyes.
- 3 Paula has short black hair/hairs.
- 4 The tour guide gave us some information/informations about the city.
- 5 We're going to buy some new chair/chairs.
- 6 We're going to buy some new furniture/furnitures.
- 7 It's hard to find a work/job at the moment.
- 8 We had wonderful weather / a wonderful weather when we were on holiday.

UNIT 65

65.1

- 2 a 6 an
- 3 a 7 a
- 4 an 8 an
- 5 a 9 an

65.2

- 2 a vegetable
- 3 a game
- 4 a tool
- 5 a mountain
- 6 a planet
- 7 a fruit
- 8 a river
- 9 a flower
- 10 a musical instrument

65.3

- 2 He's a shop assistant.
- 3 She's an architect.
- 4 He's a taxi driver.
- 5 He's an electrician.
- 6 She's a photographer.
- 7 She's a nurse.
- 8 I'm a/an ...

65.4

- 2-8
- Tom never wears **a** hat.
- I can't ride **a** bike.
- My brother is **an** artist.
- Rebecca works in **a** bookshop.
- Jane wants to learn **a** foreign language.
- Mike lives in **an** old house.
- This evening I'm going to **a** party.

UNIT 66

66.1

- 2 boats 8 sandwiches
- 3 women 9 families
- 4 cities 10 feet
- 5 umbrellas 11 holidays
- 6 addresses 12 potatoes
- 7 knives

66.2

- 2 teeth 5 fish
- 3 people 6 leaves
- 4 children

66.3

- 3 ... with a lot of beautiful **trees**.
- 4 ... with two **men**.
- 5 OK

- 6 ... three **children**.
- 7 Most of my **friends** are **students**.
- 8 He put on his **pyjamas** ...
- 9 OK
- 10 Do you know many **people** ...
- 11 I like your **trousers**. Where did you get **them**?
- 12 ... full of **tourists**.
- 13 OK
- 14 **These scissors aren't** ...

66.4

- 2 are 7 Do
- 3 don't 8 are
- 4 watch 9 them
- 5 were 10 some
- 6 live

UNIT 67

67.1

- 3 a jug
- 4 water
- 5 toothpaste
- 6 a toothbrush
- 7 an egg
- 8 money
- 9 a wallet
- 10 sand
- 11 a bucket
- 12 an envelope

67.2

- 3 ... **a** hat.
- 4 ... **a** job?
- 5 OK
- 6 ... **an** apple ...
- 7 ... **a** party ...
- 8 ... **a** wonderful thing.
- 9 ... **an** island.
- 10 ... **a** key.
- 11 OK
- 12 ... **a** good idea.
- 13 ... **a** car?
- 14 ... **a** cup of coffee?
- 15 OK
- 16 ... **an** umbrella.

67.3

- 2 a piece of wood
- 3 a glass of water
- 4 a bar of chocolate
- 5 a cup of tea
- 6 a piece of paper
- 7 a bowl of soup
- 8 a loaf of bread
- 9 a jar of honey

UNIT 68

68.1

- 2 a newspaper (*or* a paper), some flowers (*or* a bunch of flowers) and a pen
- 3 some bananas, some eggs and some bread (*or* a loaf of bread)
- 4 some toothpaste, some soap (*or* a bar of soap) and a comb

68.2

- 2 Would you like some coffee? (*or* ... a cup of coffee?)
- 3 Would you like a biscuit?
- 4 Would you like some bread? (*or* ... a piece of bread? / a slice of bread?)
- 5 Would you like a chocolate?
- 6 Would you like some cake? (*or* ... a piece of cake?)

68.3

- 2 some ... some
- 3 some
- 4 a ... some
- 5 an ... some
- 6 a ... a ... some
- 7 some
- 8 some
- 9 some ... a

68.4

- 2 eyes
- 3 hair
- 4 information
- 5 chairs
- 6 furniture
- 7 job
- 8 wonderful weather

UNIT 69

69.1

- 3 a
- 4 the
- 5 an
- 6 the ... the
- 7 a ... a
- 8 a ... a
- 9 ... **a** student ... **a** journalist ... **an** apartment near **the** college ... **The** apartment is ...
- 10 ... two children, **a** boy and **a** girl. **The** boy is seven years old, and **the** girl is three ... in **a** factory ... doesn't have **a** job ...