

# UNIT 21

## Count and Non-Count Nouns; *Some* and *Any*

### FOOD

#### OUTCOMES

- Use count and non-count nouns
- Use quantifiers with count and non-count nouns
- Complete sentences about a reading
- Identify true and false sentences about a conversation
- Talk about food you like and dislike
- Role-play ordering food in a restaurant
- Write a paragraph about your favorite meal

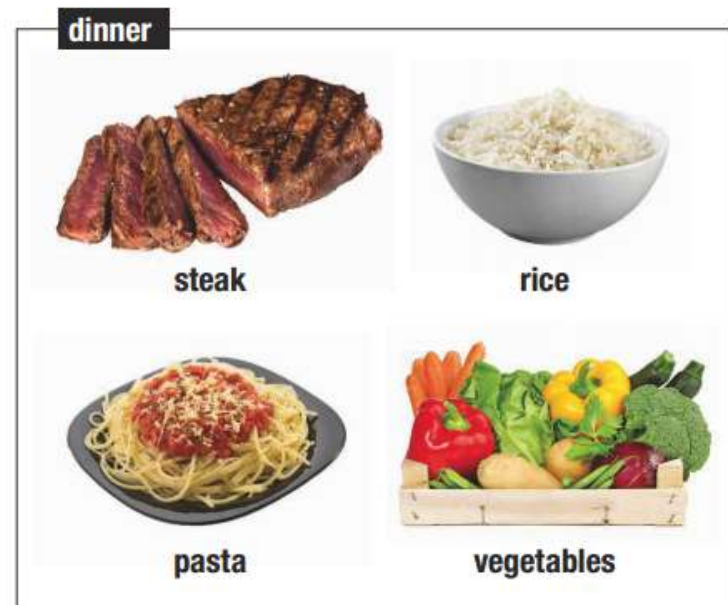
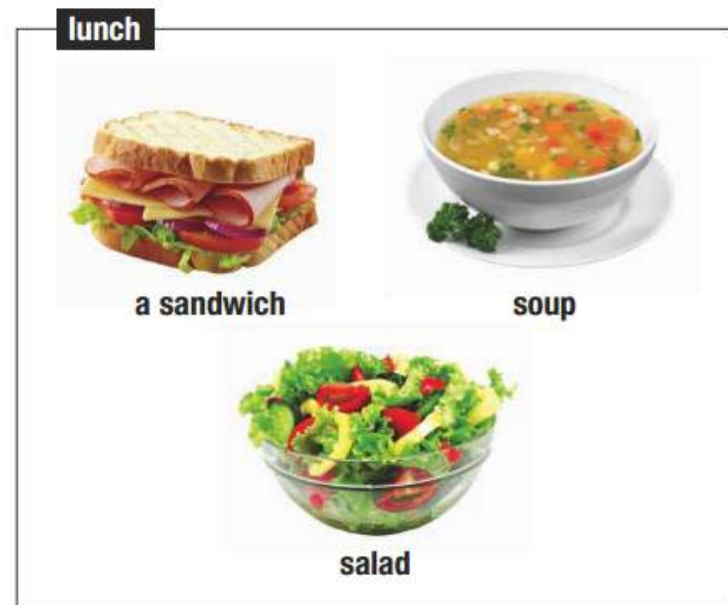
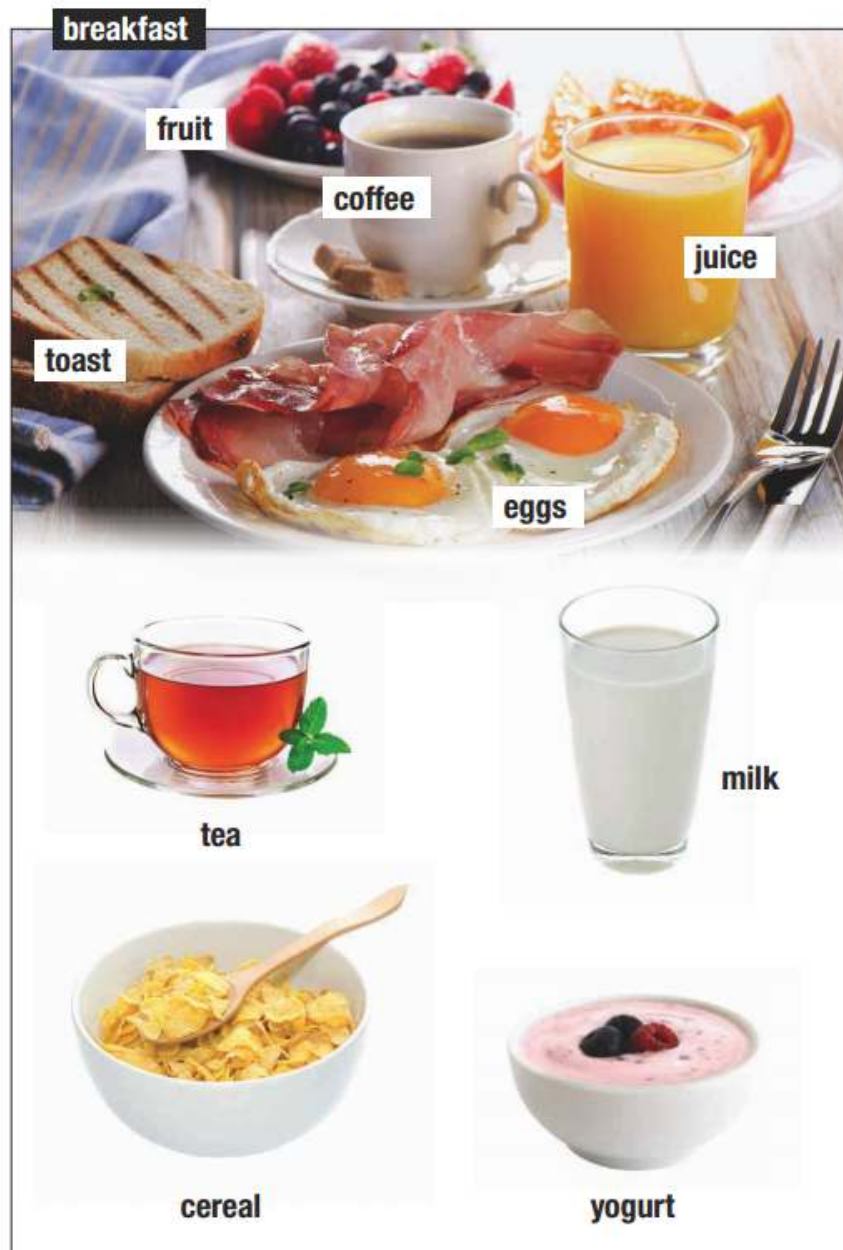
### STEP 1 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

#### BEFORE YOU READ

**A VOCABULARY** Study the words. Then work with a partner. Talk about what you usually have for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

EXAMPLE: A: I usually have eggs, toast, and coffee for breakfast.

B: I usually have rice and vegetables for dinner.



**B** Work in a group. Compare your answers in A. What foods do your classmates usually eat for breakfast, lunch, and dinner?

# READ

Read these interviews.

## A Healthy Meal?

**JESSICA:** Hello, everyone. This morning we're interviewing people about their eating habits. . . . Excuse me, sir, do you eat breakfast?

**MAN:** Yes, I do.

**JESSICA:** What do you have?

**MAN:** I usually have a slice of toast and a cup of tea.

**JESSICA:** That's all? Do you have any juice or anything else to drink?

**MAN:** Not usually. Once in a while I have coffee instead of tea. I'm always in a hurry. Bye.

**JESSICA:** OK. Thanks. Bye. Now, here's our next person. Ma'am, do you eat lunch?

**WOMAN 1:** Yes, I do. I usually have a sandwich and some soup and a glass of juice.

**JESSICA:** That's a light lunch. Is that all you have?

**WOMAN 1:** Yes. I'm on a diet. I'm always on a diet.

**JESSICA:** OK. Thank you. . . . And what about you, ma'am? What do you have for dinner?

**WOMAN 2:** Well, I usually have some meat—maybe steak or chicken—and some rice or pasta.

**JESSICA:** Do you eat any vegetables?

**WOMAN 2:** Oh, yes, I always have vegetables—maybe some peas, or beans, or carrots.

**JESSICA:** Hmm. That sounds healthy.

**WOMAN 2:** Yes, I always eat a good dinner.

**JESSICA:** All right, thanks. Let's see what our next person says . . .



### AFTER YOU READ

**A COMPREHENSION** Look at the interviews again. Complete the sentences. Circle the correct answers.

- It is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - morning
  - afternoon
  - evening
- The man has \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a big breakfast
  - a small breakfast
  - no breakfast at all

3. He usually drinks \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. water
  - b. coffee
  - c. tea
4. The first woman \_\_\_\_ has lunch.
  - a. never
  - b. always
  - c. sometimes
5. The second woman has \_\_\_\_ for dinner.
  - a. rice or pasta
  - b. french fries
  - c. eggs
6. Jessica thinks the \_\_\_\_ has a healthy dinner.
  - a. man
  - b. first woman
  - c. second woman

**B** Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

Go to [MyEnglishLab](#) for more grammar in context practice.






**STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION**

**COUNT AND NON-COUNT NOUNS; SOME AND ANY**

Count Nouns		Non-count Nouns
Article + Singular Noun	Plural Noun	
a sandwich	sandwiches	bread
an orange	oranges	yogurt
		water

Quantifiers: Some and Any	
Count Nouns	Non-count Nouns
A: Do you have <b>any</b> oranges? B: Yes, I have <b>some</b> . or No, I don't have <b>any</b> .	A: Do you have <b>any</b> bread? B: Yes, I have <b>some</b> . or No, I don't have <b>any</b> .

**Other Quantifiers**

				
a cup of (coffee)	a slice of (bread)	a bowl of (cereal)	a bottle of (mineral water)	a glass of (water)

## GRAMMAR NOTES

### 1 Count Nouns

**Count nouns** are easy to count. They have a **singular** and a **plural** form.

To form the plural of most count nouns, add **-s** or **-es**.

Remember that we use *a* and *an* before singular count nouns. Use **a** before a word that starts with a **consonant** sound. Use **an** before a word that begins with a **vowel** sound.

I have **one** orange, **two** eggs, and **three** bagels.

I want an **orange**. Actually, I want two **oranges**.  
Please bring me **a sandwich**.  
He wants **two sandwiches**.

Steve wants **a banana**. (*starts with a consonant sound*)

I want **an orange**. (*starts with a vowel sound*)

### 2 Non-Count Nouns

We cannot count **non-count nouns** in their basic meaning.

We use **singular verbs** with **non-count nouns**.

**USAGE NOTE** We use **plural count nouns** or **non-count nouns** to talk about things we **like** or **don't like**.

**BE CAREFUL!** Don't use *a*, *an*, or *some* to talk about things you like or don't like.

Jane wants **tea**.  
I want **meat**.  
She wants **water**.

Rice **is** good for you.  
**NOT** Rice **are** good for you.

I like **bananas**.  
I don't like **yogurt**.  
I love **bagels**.  
I hate **soda**.

I like **bananas**.  
**NOT** I like **a banana**.  
I don't like **yogurt**.  
**NOT** I don't like **some yogurt**.

### 3 Quantifiers

We use **quantifiers** to help us count non-count nouns. Some quantifiers are:

*a bag of*      *a cup of*  
*a bowl of*    *a glass of*  
*a bottle of*   *a slice of*

Please bring me **a bowl of cereal**.  
I want **a cup of coffee**.  
Please bring him **a slice of bread**.

## 4 Some and Any

*Some* and *any* are also quantifiers.

Use *some* in **affirmative** statements.

Use *any* in **negative** statements.

Use both *some* and *any* in questions.

We use *some* and *any* with both **count** and **non-count** nouns.

Sometimes we don't use a quantifier with **plural count nouns** and **non-count nouns**.

**USAGE NOTE** We usually use *some* in questions when we are **offering** something.

I have **some** fruit.

I don't have **any** fruit.

Do you want **some** eggs?

Do you want **any** french fries?

They want **some sandwiches**. (*count*)

They want **some fruit**. (*non-count*)

They don't want **any eggs**. (*count*)

They don't want **any cereal**. (*non-count*)

We have (some) **apples** in the refrigerator.  
(*plural count noun*)

Do you drink (any) **juice** for breakfast?  
(*non-count noun*)

Do you want **some** tea? (*an offer*)



## PRONUNCIATION NOTE

### Plural Noun Endings

Most plural nouns end in *-s* or *-es*. We pronounce these endings /s/, /z/, or /ɪz/.

- /s/
- /z/
- /ɪz/

I drink three **cups** of coffee every morning.

I love **eggs** for breakfast.

We need a bag of **oranges**.

## REFERENCE NOTES

For **definitions of grammar terms**, see the Glossary on page 375.

For more information on **regular and irregular plural nouns**, see Appendices 8 and 9 on page 368.

For more information on **pronunciation rules for plural nouns**, see Appendix 10 on page 368.

For a list of **non-count nouns** and **quantifiers**, see Appendices 11 and 12 on page 369.

**STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE**

**EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR**

**A GRAMMAR NOTES 1–4** Read the paragraph. Underline the sixteen nouns that are food and drinks. Circle the quantifiers.

My favorite meal is lunch—my big meal of the day. I start with a bowl of soup, and I usually have crackers with it. Next, I have some meat. I also have vegetables: maybe carrots, peas, or beans. I almost always have rice. For dessert, I sometimes have a cookie, and I usually have some fruit—an orange, or an apple, or a banana. Sometimes I have a bowl of ice cream. I usually drink a cup of coffee, but once in a while I have tea. I'm never hungry after lunch.

**B** Look at the paragraph in A again. Write the underlined nouns in the correct columns in the chart.

Count Nouns	Non-Count Nouns
<i>crackers</i>	<i>soup</i>



**EXERCISE 2 QUANTIFIERS**

**A GRAMMAR NOTES 3–4** Complete the conversation. Circle the correct answers (Ø = no article or quantifier).

**SERVER:** All right, folks. What do you want to order?

**MARY:** I want a bag of / some chicken and rice and a / some mixed vegetables. And please bring me a cup of / a bowl of hot tea to drink.

**SERVER:** Of course. And for you, young man?

**BEN:** I want a / some tuna sandwich. Is that OK, Grandma?  
4.

**MARY:** Yes, that's fine. But how about some / any salad to go with it?  
5.

**BEN:** I don't want some / any salad, Grandma. I don't like a / Ø salad.  
6. 7.

**MARY:** All right. But you need something green. Or a / some fruit. Maybe any / some fruit salad?  
8. 9.

**BEN:** OK, Grandma. I like Ø / some fruit salad.  
10.

**SERVER:** All right. For you, young lady?

**ANNIE:** I want a slice of / a bowl of soup. And any / some salad.  
11. 12.

**SERVER:** Of course. And to drink?

**MARY:** Can you bring them each a / a glass of milk?  
13.

**SERVER:** Certainly.



**B LISTEN AND CHECK** Listen to the conversation and check your answers in A.



**EXERCISE 3 SOME OR ANY**



**A GRAMMAR NOTE 4** Complete the conversation. Use *some* or *any* and the nouns in parentheses.

**AMANDA:** Josh, we need \_\_\_\_\_ some things \_\_\_\_\_ for the party tonight. Can you go to the store now?  
1. (things)

**JOSH:** Sure. I know we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ . And we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ . What else?  
2. (soda)  
3. (chips)

**AMANDA:** We need \_\_\_\_\_ . And we need \_\_\_\_\_ .  
4. (fruit) 5. (olives)  
But let me check. . . . Oh, yes! Get \_\_\_\_\_ . Don't get \_\_\_\_\_ .  
6. (black olives)  
7. (green olives)

**JOSH:** OK. Anything else? Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
8. (candy)

**AMANDA:** Good idea. Get \_\_\_\_\_ .  
9. (chocolate candy)



**B LISTEN AND CHECK** Listen to the conversation and check your answers in A.