Countable & Uncountable nouns

M: How much milk do we need?

W: Two litres.

M: And eggs? How many eggs?

W: Six eggs.

M: And what about potatoes? How many potatoes?

W: Eight potatoes are enough.

M: And butter? How much butter?

W: Just one packet.

Can we count milk? (one milk, two milks)

Can we count eggs? (one egg, two eggs)

When do we say <u>"how many"</u>?

When do we say <u>"how much"</u>?

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns		
eggs	milk		
potatoes	butter		
tomatoes	bread		
olives	cheese		
crisps	cola		
receipts	water		

M: Do we need anything else?

W: Let's have a look. We've got some apples, but there aren't any grapes. And there isn't any coffee, but we've got some tea.

M: Is there any orange juice left?

W: There's a bit of, but there isn't much, so we need some more.

M: And vegetables? Have we got a lot of vegetables?

W: Well I can see a few carrots, but there aren't any onions. Oh, and don't forget we need a lot of crisps.

we use	with CNs	with UNs	in + sentences	in questions	in - sentences
some				★ sometimes	_
any			-		
a lot of					
a few	*	_			
a bit of	-				

Practice

Complete the sentences with some or any.

- 1. Have you got brothers or sisters?
- 2. We don't need olive oil.
- 3. Here are letters for you.
- 4. I need money.
- 5. Is there petrol in the car?

Complete the sentences with a bit of, a few, or a lot of.

- 1. I have close friends. Two or three.
- 2. He has money. He's a millionaire.
- 3. 'Do you take sugar in coffee?' 'Just
- 4. 'Have you got CDs?' 'Hundreds.'
- 5. I'll be ready in minutes.