## Countable \& Uncountable nouns

M: How much milk do we need?
W: Two litres.
Can we count milk? (one milk, two milks)

M: And eggs? How many eggs?
W: Six eggs.
Can we count eggs? (one egg, two eggs)

M: And what about potatoes? How many potatoes?
W: Eight potatoes are enough.
M: And butter? How much butter?
W: Just one packet.

When do we say "how many"?

When do we say "how much"?

| 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 + <br> sentences | in questions | in - <br> sentences |
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| some | t | t | t | sometimes | - |
| any | t | * | - | $\pm$ | * |
| a lot of | * | t | * | t | $t$ |
| a few | * | - | * |  |  |
| a bit of | - | t | t |  |  |

## 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.
