

## Countable and uncountable nouns: *a, an, some*

Countable Nouns		Uncountable Nouns
<b>Singular</b>	<b>Plural</b>	
banana	bananas	water
orange	oranges	bread
We use <i>a</i> before a noun beginning with a consonant.	We use <i>some</i> before a plural noun.	We use <i>some</i> before uncountable nouns.
We use <i>an</i> before a noun beginning with a vowel.	<b>some bananas      some oranges</b>	There is no plural form.
<i>a banana</i>	In the plural, we usually add <i>s</i> to the noun.	<b>some water</b>
<i>an orange</i>	When a word ends with the letters <i>s, sh, ch, x, o</i> , we add <b>es</b> in the plural.	<b>some bread</b>
	When a word ends in <i>y</i> :	
	a bus → buses	
	a dish → dishes	
	a baby → babies	
	a toy → toys	

### Any

We use *any* instead of *some* in negative and interrogative sentences.

There are **some** apples on the table.

There aren't **any** apples on the table.

Are there **any** apples on the table?

### Activity 1

**A** Add *a, an* or *some* to each word.

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <i>a</i> sausage | 5 ..... milk      |
| 2 ..... orange     | 6 ..... girls     |
| 3 ..... book       | 7 ..... egg       |
| 4 ..... tomatoes   | 8 ..... ice cream |

**B** Write each word in the plural.

- |              |                   |             |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 a bus      | <i>some buses</i> | 5 a box     |
| 2 a pencil   |                   | 6 a teacher |
| 3 a sandwich |                   | 7 a boy     |
| 4 a pen      |                   | 8 a potato  |

### Activity 2

**A** Look at the picture and complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.



There are 1 *some* eggs. There is 2 ..... chocolate but there isn't 3 ..... ice cream. There are 4 ..... drinks and there's 5 ..... salad. Is there 6 ..... pizza? No, there isn't.

**B** Complete the dialogue according to the picture in A.

Jack: I'm going shopping. Are there any eggs?

You: 1.....

Jack: Is there any ice cream?

You: 2.....

Jack: Are there any bananas?

You: 3.....

## There is / there are

### Affirmative

There is a book in the bag.

There are two books in the bag.

### Negative

There isn't a book in the bag.

There aren't two books in the bag.

### Interrogative

Is there a book in the bag?

Are there two books in the bag?

### Note: Short Answers

Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.

Yes, there are. / No, there aren't.

## Activity 3

What is in the schoolbag in the picture? Complete the sentences with *there is*, *there are*, *there isn't* or *there aren't*.

In the schoolbag, 1..... a ruler and an English dictionary. 2..... some books and pencils but 3..... a pen. 4..... any sandwiches.



## Activity 4

Find the differences between the two pictures. Use the table below.

Picture a: *There are some eggs in a box.*

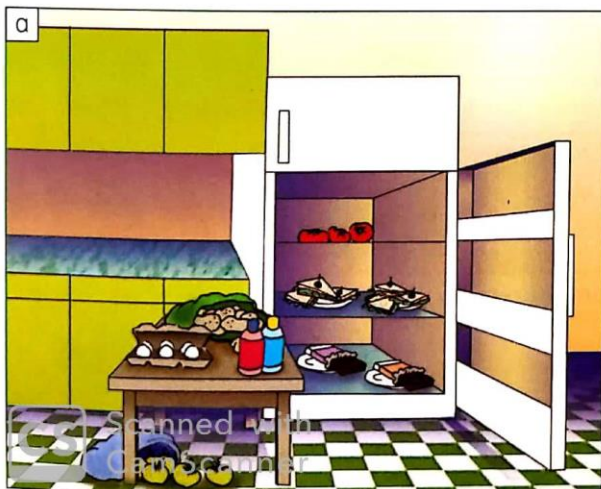
Picture b: *There is an egg in a cup.*

There is  
There are

a  
an  
some

apple(s)  
egg(s)  
drink(s)  
chocolate  
tomato(es)  
potato(es)  
sandwich(es)

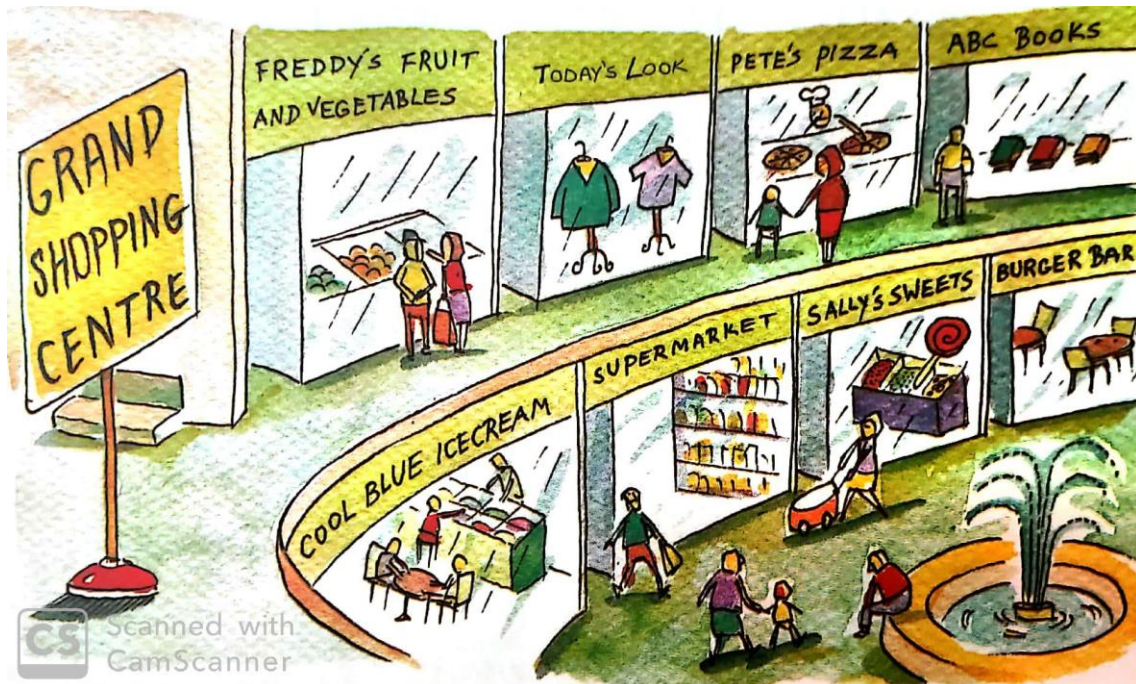
in a cup.  
in a box.  
on the table.  
in the bag.  
in the fridge.  
under the table.





### Activity 5

Read about this shopping centre. Underline the sentences that aren't true.



This is the Grand Shopping Centre. There is an ice cream shop and there are two sweet shops. There is a shirt shop and a shoe shop. There is a burger bar, but there isn't a pizza restaurant. You buy fruit and vegetables at Freddy's shop, and at the supermarket, too. You can buy everything at the supermarket! Danny's favourite shop is Cool Blue Ice Cream because he likes ice cream. Sarah's favourite shop is ABC Books because she likes books and magazines.

# REVISION

- A** Complete the sentences with the words from the unit.  
Then find the words in the puzzle.

1 point each | 10

- 1 A potato is a kind of .....
- 2 An apple is a kind of .....
- 3 ..... is the first meal of the day.
- 4 ..... is the last meal of the day.
- 5 There is a big shopping ..... in our town.
- 6 A ..... is a yellow fruit.
- 7 Do you want a ..... of pizza?
- 8 Cola is a kind of ..... drink.
- 9 Can I have ..... cereal, please?
- 10 Banana and vanilla are flavours of .....

s	b	r	e	a	k	f	a	s	t	b	s
o	a	c	e	n	t	r	e	n	s	a	l
m	n	w	l	p	s	u	p	p	e	r	i
e	a	x	r	t	f	i	z	z	y	x	c
e	n	v	e	g	e	t	a	b	l	e	e
t	a	i	c	e	c	r	e	a	m	r	w

- B** Write *a*, *an* or *some*.

2 points each | 10

- 1 ..... apple
- 2 ..... cereal
- 3 ..... sandwiches
- 4 ..... potato
- 5 ..... milk

- C** Complete the sentences with the correct form of *there is* or *there are*.

2 points each | 10

- 1 ..... any tomatoes?
- 2 ..... a slice of pizza.
- 3 ..... any pencils in the box.
- 4 ..... some bananas in the kitchen.
- 5 ..... some chocolate in her bag?

- A** Look at the pictures of the Davis family. Complete the sentences with *was*, *were*, *wasn't* or *weren't*.



- 1 Dad was in the kitchen.
- 2 Mum ..... at work.
- 3 The twins ..... happy.
- 4 Janet ..... in her bedroom.
- 5 The baby ..... in the garden.
- 6 Sam ..... in the classroom.
- 7 The dog ..... in the park.
- 8 Grandma and Grandpa ..... at home.

- B** Write a question for each answer. Use *was* or *were*.

- 1 Were you at home last night?  
No, I wasn't at home last night.
- 2 .....  
Yes, I was at the cinema.
- 3 .....  
Yes, the book was interesting.
- 4 .....  
No, my sisters weren't at school on Monday.
- 5 .....  
Yes, they were at his house on Tuesday.
- 6 .....  
No, we weren't at the park last night.
- 7 .....  
No, the weather wasn't good yesterday.
- 8 .....  
Yes, we were in France last month.

- C** Complete the sentences with the correct time expressions.

yesterday   yesterday afternoon   last week   last month   last year   ~~last night~~

- 1 She's late for school this morning because she was at a party last night.
- 2 ..... there was an English test. This week there is a history test.
- 3 David is in England this month. .... he was in Italy.
- 4 I was at the swimming pool ..... Today I am ill in bed.
- 5 ..... my family was on holiday in Spain. This year we are on holiday in France.
- 6 I was at a bookshop with my friends ..... This afternoon,  
we are at a clothes shop.



**D Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.**

1 at / were / night / the / We / cinema / last / .

*We were at the cinema last night.*

2 last / Debbie / Were / Caroline / year / and / Portugal / in / ?

3 month / on / last / Was / holiday / Tom / ?

4 The / school / was / yesterday / at / teacher / .

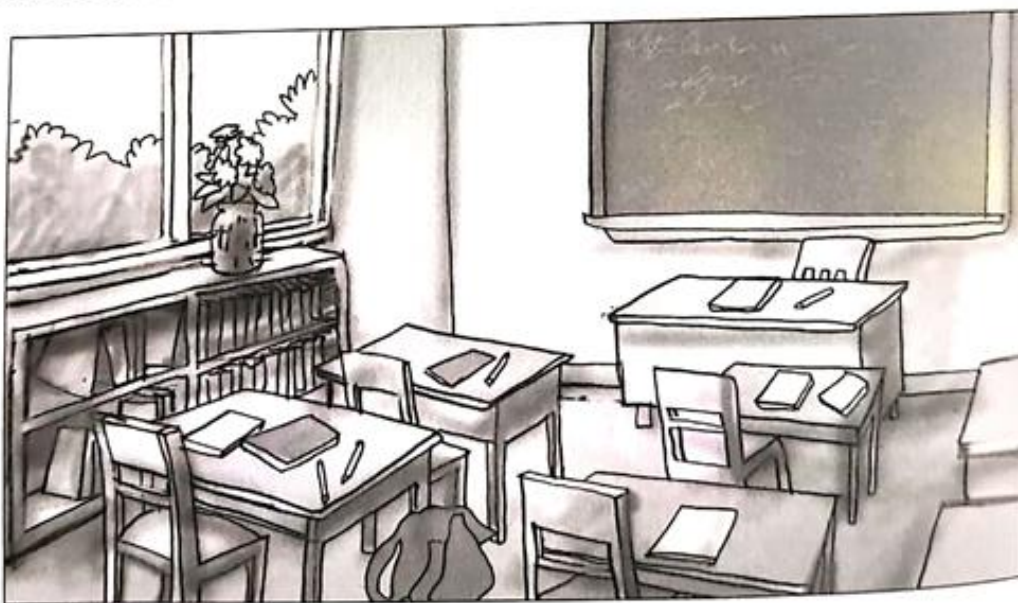
5 wasn't / yesterday / weather / sunny / The / afternoon / .

6 yesterday / for / morning / you / school / Were / late / ?



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**A Look at the picture of Sarah's classroom at 5.00 yesterday. Write sentences about the picture. Use *there was* or *there were*.**



1 *There were pencils on the desk.*

2

3

4

5

6

# Grammar Puzzle

Answer the questions. Write the letter in the space provided. What is the hidden sentence?

Answer Y .....  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

<p>1</p> <p>If we say a apple, write C. If we say an apple, write Y.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>If we say She is Jane, write O. If we say She are Jane, write A.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>If we write I'm Peter, write U. If we write Im Peter, write S.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>If we say Is there students in the classroom?, write B. If we say Are there students in the classroom?, write A.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>If we say Is you at home?, write F. If we say Is she at home?, write R.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>If we write They aren't in the classroom, write E. If we write They arent in the classroom, write D.</p>
<p>7</p> <p>If we write boxes, write D. If we write boxs, write W.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>If we write tomatos, write B. If we write tomatoes, write O.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>If we write Toms' cat, write E. If we write Tom's cat, write I.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>If we say a glasses, write M. If we say some glasses, write N.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>If we write buses, write G. If we write busses, write X.</p>	
<p>12</p> <p>If we say some mice, write R. If we say some mouses, write T.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>If we say some sheeps, write B. If we say some sheep, write E.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>If we say We have got a cat, write A. If we say We has got a cat, write C.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>If we say She have not got a computer, write G. If we say She has not got a computer, write L.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>If we say Has your Dad got a car yellow?, write H. If we say Has your Dad got a yellow car?, write L.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>If we say He often study history at night, write Z. If we say He often studies history at night, write Y.</p>
<p>18</p> <p>If we say She watch TV all day, write V. If we say She watches TV all day, write W.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>If we say I do my homework in the evening, write E. If we say I does my homework in the evening, write O.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>If we say They sometimes plays football, write P. If we say They sometimes play football, write L.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>If we say I always go home after school, write L. If we say I always goes home after school, write F.</p>		

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