

A, an and some



Countable nouns

Singular

a cat



consonant

an orange



vowel (a, e, i, o, u)

Plural

some cats, some oranges

two cats, two oranges.

Uncountable nouns

These are nouns that don't have a plural form.
They are amounts of things such as food and drink.



rice



fruit



asparagus



water



coffee

We use **some** before uncountable nouns. We don't use **a** or **an**.


*I'd like **some** asparagus.*

*We'd like **some** water, please.*


Note that we can also say: **a glass of**, **a cup of**, **a bottle of**, **a can of** for drinks.


*I'd like **a bottle of** water, please.*

Some foods can be countable and uncountable.

some melon 

a melon 

some ice cream 

an ice cream 

1 Put the words in the correct column.

~~date~~ ~~bread~~ banana fruit lemon asparagus apple aubergine
glass of water broccoli rice grape water coffee raisin spinach

Countable nouns

date

Uncountable nouns

bread

2 Complete each phrase using a word from the box. Use each word once.

a ~~some~~ two some four some three some



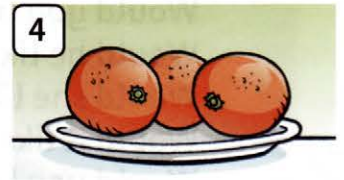
some coffee



_____ lemons



_____ bananas



_____ oranges



_____ fruit



_____ glass of water



_____ spinach



_____ dates

3 Write a, an or some.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <u>an</u> apple | 2 <u>some</u> grapes |
| 3 _____ broccoli | 4 _____ glass of water |
| 5 _____ lemon | 6 _____ raisins |
| 7 _____ aubergine | 8 _____ rice |
| 9 _____ asparagus | 10 _____ orange |
| 11 _____ dates | 12 _____ fruit |
| 13 _____ banana | 14 _____ coffee |

Would like



Affirmative

I **would like**
you **would like**
he **would like**
she **would like**
it **would like**
we **would like**
you **would like**
they **would like**

Short forms

I'd like
you'd like
he'd like
she'd like
it'd like
we'd like
you'd like
they'd like

When we are in a café or shop we often use **would like** to say what we want. We often use the short form **'d like**.

I'd like some tea. He'd like an apple.



Questions

Would I like?
Would you like?
Would he like?
Would she like?
Would it like?
Would you like?
Would we like?
Would you like?
Would they like?

We usually reply to a **Would you like ...?** question with **Yes, please** or **No, thanks**.

***Would you like some grapes?**
Yes, please. / No, thanks.*



Don't confuse **would like** with **like**, which we use to talk about things we like in general.

***I'd like an ice cream.** (= I want an ice cream now.)*

***I like ice cream.** (= I always like ice cream.)*

3 Write affirmative sentences. Use **would like** and **a, an** or **some**.

1 Dad / grapes

Dad would like some grapes.

2 Charlie / banana

3 Molly and Harry / water

4 we / asparagus

5 I / apple

6 she / a glass of orange juice

4 Look at the pictures. Write questions with **Would you like**. Then write the replies.

1  Would you like some grapes?

No, thanks.

