

FUMC ESL I-6-2020 High Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell your name, your home country and your occupation. Tell one thing your city is famous for.

Rules for countable and uncountable nouns when used with adjectives:

A **countable noun** is one that can be expressed in plural form, usually with an "s." For example, "cat--cats," "season--seasons," "student--students." An **uncountable noun** is one that usually cannot be expressed in a plural form. For example, "milk," "water," "air," "money," "food."

Tell whether these nouns are countable or uncountable.

tea _____	problem _____	friend _____
bread _____	sugar _____	hammer _____
tool _____	plastic _____	wood _____
rain _____	car _____	homework _____
metal _____	gold _____	silver _____
blood _____	book _____	air _____
applause _____	art _____	baggage _____
beef _____	butter _____	coffee _____

Most of the time, this doesn't matter with adjectives. For example, you can say, "the gray cat" or "the gray air" However, the difference between a countable and uncountable noun DOES matter with certain adjectives, such as the following:

- some/any
- much/many
- little/few
- a lot of/lots of

Some/Any

Both "some" and "any" can be used with countable and uncountable nouns. Notice the verb changes from singular to plural (is, are).

- "There is *some* water on the floor."
- "There are *some* dogs here."
- "Is there any food here?"
- "Are there any apples here?"

HERE ARE SOME RULES FOR USING SOME OR ANY

1. Use *some* in positive sentences. Use *any* in negative sentences.

I have **some** friends. I don't have **any** friends.
We have **some** coffee. We don't have **any** coffee.
We got **some** rain. We didn't get **any** rain.

2. Usually *any* is used in questions.

Do you have *any* milk? Is there *any* sugar in the cabinet? Are there *any* dogs here?

3. However, use *some* in questions when offering something.

Would you like *some* milk? Would you like *some* french fries?

3. *Some* is used in questions when making a request.

May I borrow *some* money? Can you hand me *some* apples?

Choose *some* or *any* in these sentences.

- 1-We will have _____ bread with our dinner.
- 2-Would you like _____ wine with your dinner?
- 3-There was not _____ rain in the summer.
- 4-May I have _____ coffee?
- 5-I think I will have _____ toast.
- 6-Do you have _____ pets?
- 7-Sara had _____ good ideas.
- 8-He doesn't have _____ patience with children.
- 9-Do you have _____ homework?
- 10-I have _____ homework.
- 11-I will give them _____ money.
- 12-I won't give them _____ money.
- 13-I got _____ nice presents at the gift shop.
- 14-I didn't find _____ presents for my family.
15. This job is going to take _____ time.
16. _____ smoke is coming out of that building.
17. They piled _____ dirt on top of the coffin.
18. The weatherman said we will get _____ snow tonight.
19. Be careful! There is _____ ice on the sidewalk.
20. There is _____ water and _____ wine in the cooler.

Little and Few

We use *little* with non-count nouns (*little* money, *little* sauce, *little* rice) and *few* with count nouns (*few* chickens, *few* apples, *few* tickets).

NOTE: "A few" means several. EX: There are a few tickets left. "Few" means not very many. EX: Few cats will eat rotten meat.

Few has a more negative sense. Example-Few horses were in the pasture. A few horses were in the pasture. The first sentence makes you feel that there were not very many horses at all in the pasture.

The same is true of "little" and "a little".

Use "a few" or "a little"

1. We picked _____ peaches from her trees.
2. Please buy _____ milk when you go to the store.
3. I take _____ sugar in my coffee.
4. May I have _____ minutes of your time.
5. Add _____ flour to the stew to thicken it.
6. We had _____ furniture in the living room.
7. Since I only had _____ luggage, I didn't have to check it.
8. There was _____ blood on his hand.
9. We are going to the beach, so you will only need _____ clothing.
10. Please put _____ ice in my drink.

Talk with your group about these subjects. Take notes about what you learn.

Some things I like to shop for:

Some foods I will **not** eat:

Some gifts I always like to receive:

Some movie stars I love to watch:

Some kinds of music I like to listen to:

Do you have any relatives living with you?