## Questions

> How much ....? = uncountable nouns For example: How much coffee do you drink?
> How many ....? = countable nouns
> For example: How many cups of coffee do you drink?

## Learn It

How do you count uncountable nouns? You can't, but you can measure them. You
have to use 'counters'


| Uncountabl | Sugar | Jewellery | Cheese | Wine | Furniture | Money |
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| Uncountable Question | How much sugar is there? | How much jewellery is there? | How much cheese is there? | How much wine is there? | How much furniture is there? | How much money is there? |
| Answer | There's a lot of sugar. | There's some jewellery. | There's a lot of cheese. | There's some wine. | There's some furniture. | There's a lot of money. |
| Add a word | bowl | piece | round | bottle | piece | bag |
| Make it Countable | A bowl of sugar. | A piece of jewellery. | A round of cheese. | A bottle of wine. | A piece of furniture. | A bag of money. |
| Countable Question | How many bowls of sugar are there? | How many pieces of jewellery are there? | How many rounds of cheese are there? | How many bottles of wine are there? | How many pieces of furniture are there? | How many bags of money are there? |
| Answer | There's one bowl of sugar. | There are two pieces of | There are three rounds of | There's only one bottle of wine. | There are two pieces of furniture. | There are four bags of money. |

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jewellery. cheese.
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## Other words you can add to make uncountable nouns countable:-

You can put something into a container to count it, but the thing you're counting doesn't take the plural form. The container takes the plural form:-


carton Eight cartons of milk.

cup Nine cups of coffee.
glass
Ten glasses of water.

jar
Eleven jars of honey.
packet
A dozen packets of butter.

a saucepan
Thirteen pans of rice.
tank
tin
Sixteen tins of custard.

tub
Seventeen tubs of margarine.

Eighteen tubes of tube toothpaste.


Fifteen tanks of petrol.


You can measure something to count it, but it still doesn't take the plural form. The
measurement takes the plural form:-
litre
pint
pound / ounce / kilo etc...

You can measure uncountable nouns in other ways, using shapes or portions.

Again the measurement takes the plural form.

1 and a half litres of milk.


Two pints of beer.

Two pounds / ounces / kilos of butter.


Ten balls of wool.

Three bars of soap.


Two pinches of salt.


Five slices of cake.

spoon
square
spoonfuls of sugar.

Ten squares of chocolate.

