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Presentación

Material name: Understanding and using numbers and prices.
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▼ Motivational question

How much money do you spend every week?
How many brothers or sisters do you have?

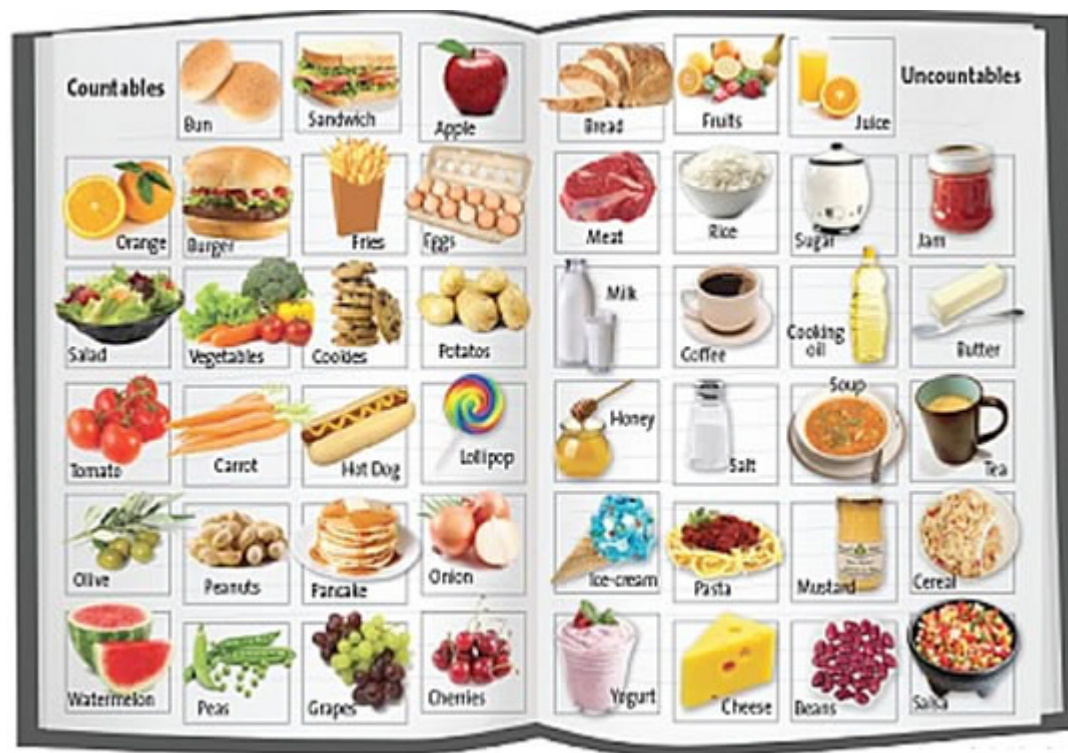


Figure 1



Understanding and using numbers and prices. This is an A1 level competence, according to the Common European Framework of Reference for languages (http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/source/framework_en.pdf page 24).

Key words:

Quantifiers, Countable nouns, uncountable nouns, much, many, some, any, a few and a little.



- Countable and uncountable nouns/use
- Countable and uncountable/examples
- How much/examples
- How many/examples
- Measurement
- Some and any
- A few and a little
- Conclusion
- References



To understand and use numbers and prices we use quantifiers. Those are some expressions to ask for and give prices and quantities:

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Countable

They are things that we can count /one, two, three...

How many

We use “how many” for questions and for countable nouns.

Uncountable

They are substances, concepts and things that we cannot count.

How much

We use “how much” for questions and for uncountable nouns.

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Countable nouns

monkeys, schools, teachers, boats, bananas, tables, stores, cities, nurses, forks, socks, bathrooms, waiters, magazines, chocolates, pilots, rings, markers, animals, coins, babies, computers, parties, colleges, plates, onions, restaurants, houses, concerts, guitars...

Uncountable nouns

help, happiness, fun, energy, courage, spaghetti, time, oil, sugar, cheese, space, juice, wine, water, milk, cream...



Countable

- ✓ How many dogs do you have?
 - I have 3 dogs.

- ✓ How many chairs does she need?
 - She needs 2 chairs

- ✓ How many bottles does he want?
 - He wants 4 bottles



Uncountable

- ✓ How much sugar do you want?
 - I want 1 kilo of sugar.

- ✓ How much money does she need?
 - She needs 3 dollars.

- ✓ How much time do we have?
 - We have 1 hour more



When we want to count uncountable nouns we can say:

Juice: I want a **can** of juice

Water: I need two **bottles** of water

Sugar: I have a **kilo** of sugar

Time: I need 3 more **minutes**

Coffe: Give me two **cups** of coffee

Wine: I need a **glass** of wine

Money: I have two **dollars**



Some: It is used for affirmative sentences and for questions when you offer something.

EXAMPLES

- I have some dogs
- Would you like some milk?

Any: It is used for negative sentences and questions and it means “algunos”

EXAMPLES

- I don't have any children
- Do you have any dogs?



A few: It is used for **countable** nouns.

Example: I need a **few** eggs for the cake

A little: It is used for **uncountable** nouns.

Example: Do you need a **little** water?



We use **“a lot of”** for **countable** and **uncountable** nouns.



I need a lot of time to finish



When you want to use numbers and ask for prices you can use expressions such as how much, how many, some, any, a few and a little.

Example:

How much sugar do you need?

How many brothers do you have?

There are **some** oranges for the juice.

There aren't **any** children left in the house.

I need **a few** ideas.

I need **a little** water for my coffee.



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