

a cake / some cake / some cakes (countable/uncountable 2)

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a/an and some

a/an + singular countable nouns (car/apple/shoe, etc.):

- I need a new car.
- Would you like an apple?

some + plural countable nouns (cars/apples/shoes, etc.):

- I need some new shoes.
- Would you like some apples?

some + uncountable nouns (water/money/music, etc.):

- I need some water.
- Would you like some cheese?

 (or Would you like a piece of cheese?)



an apple



some apples



some cheese or a piece of cheese

Compare a and some:

- Nicole bought a hat, some shoes, and some perfume.
- I read a newspaper, made some phone calls, and listened to some music.

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Many nouns are sometimes countable and sometimes uncountable. For example:



Compare a paper (= a newspaper) and some paper:

- I want something to read. I'm going to buy a paper.
- but I want to make a shopping list. I need some paper / a piece of paper. (not a paper)

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Be careful with:

advice bread furniture hair information news weather work

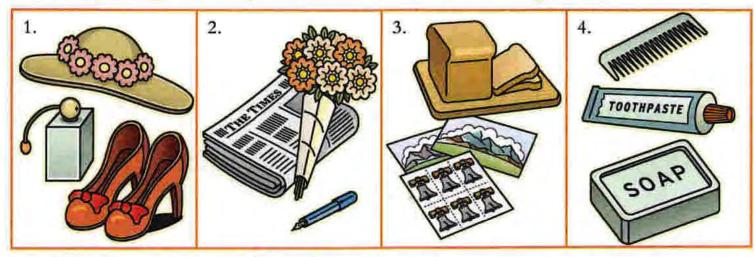
These nouns are usually uncountable. So you can't say a/an . . . (a bread, an advice) and they can't be plural (advices, furnitures, etc.).

- Can I talk to you? I need some advice. (not an advice)
- I'm going to buy some bread. (not a bread)
- They've got some very nice furniture in their house. (not furnitures)
- Sylvia has very long hair. (not hairs)
- I'd like some information about hotels in Mexico City. (not informations)
- Listen! I've got some good news. (not a good news)
- It's nice weather today. (not a nice weather)
- Do you like your job?" "Yes, but it's hard work." (not a hard work)

We say a job (but not a work):

I've got a new job. (not a new work)

69.1 What did you buy? Use the pictures to write sentences (I bought . . .).



- I bought some perfume, a hat, and some shoes.
- 2. I bought _____
- 4.

69.2 Write sentences with Would you like a . . . ? or Would you like some . . . ?



- 1. Would you like some cheese ? 4. _____ ? 2. Would you like ____ ? 5. ____ ? ?
- 3. Would _____? 6. _____?

69.3 Write a/an or some.

- 1. I read <u>a</u> book and listened to <u>some</u> music.
- 2. I need _____ money. I want to buy ____ food.
- We met _____ interesting people at the party.
- 4. I'm going to open _____ window to get _____ fresh air.
- 5. Rachel didn't eat much for lunch only _____ apple and ____ bread.
- 6. We live in _____ big house. There's _____ nice yard with _____ beautiful trees.
- 7. I'm going to make a table. First I need _____ wood.
- 8. Listen to me carefully. I'm going to give you _____ advice.
- 9. I want to write a letter. I need _____ paper and _____ pen.

69.4 Which is right?

- 1. I'm going to buy some new shoe / shoes. (shoes is right)
- 2. Mark has brown eye / eyes.
- 3. Paula has short black hair / hairs.
- 4. The tour guide gave us some information / informations about the city.
- 5. We're going to buy some new chair / chairs.
- 6. We're going to buy some new furniture / furnitures.
- 7. It's hard to find a work / job these days.
- 8. We had wonderful weather / a wonderful weather when we were on vacation.