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UNIT 68

a cake / some cake / some cakes <countable / uncountable 2>

a / an and some

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

Would you like **an apple**?



an apple

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

Would you like **some apples**?



some apples



UNIT 68

a cake / some cake / some cakes <countable / uncountable 2>

a / an and some

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

Would you like **some cheese**?

Would you like **a piece of** cheese?



some cheese
a piece of cheese



UNIT 68

a cake / some cake / some cakes <countable / uncountable 2>

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



a chicken



some chickens



some chicken
a piece of chicken



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Compare **a paper** (= a newspaper) and **some paper**.

I want something to read.

I'm going to buy **a paper**.

I want to make a shopping list.

I need **some paper**

a piece of paper. <not a paper>



UNIT 68

a cake / some cake / some cakes <countable / uncountable 2>

Be careful with

advice information

bread news

furniture weather

hair work



UNIT 68

a cake / some cake / some cakes <countable / uncountable 2>

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**.

I'm going to buy **some bread**.

They've got **some** nice **furniture** in their house.





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Exercises 68.3

Write **a** / **an** or **some**.

1

I read _____ book
and listened to _____ music.



Exercises 68.3

Write **a** / **an** or **some**.

2

I need _____ money.

I want to buy _____ food.



Exercises 68.3

Write **a** / **an** or **some**.

3

We met _____ interesting people
at the party.



Exercises 68.3

Write **a** / **an** or **some**.

4

I'm going to open _____ window
to get _____ fresh air.





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