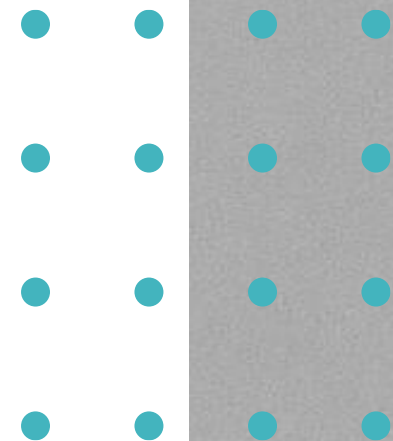




General Upper Intermediate

Homework - Unit 6: Making it big



Countable or uncountable?

1-A. Underline two nouns in each group that are usually uncountable.

1. credit card coin cash salary bonus money
2. motorway traffic traffic jam hold-up petrol rush hour
3. meal dish food menu dessert rice
4. job employee boss unemployment training profession
5. arrest violence accident evidence crime criminal
6. pop group concert entertainment musical music opera
7. holiday journey flight luggage accommodation suitcase

1-B. Underline two nouns in each group that are usually countable.

8. luck happiness celebration opportunity fun help
9. ingredient cutlery fruit snack meat food
10. fresh air sleep calorie muscle health energy

some or any?

2. Complete the sentences with *some* or *any*.

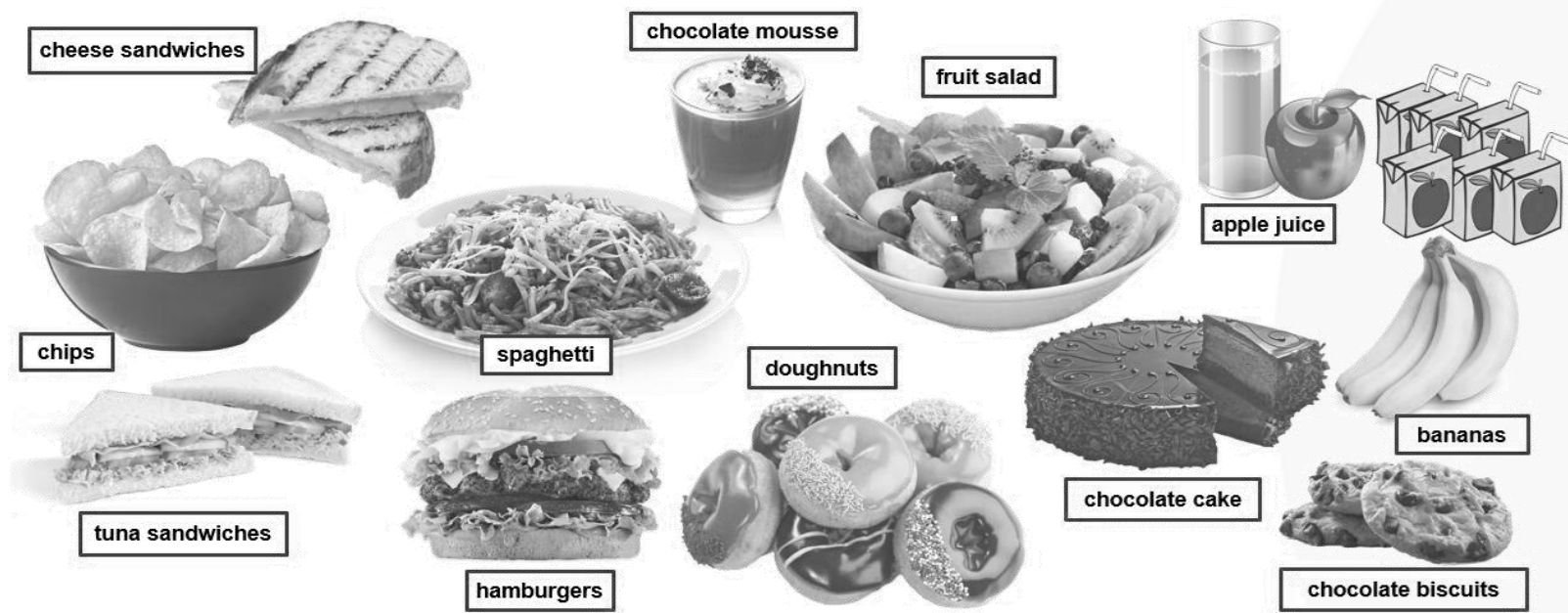
1. Why don't you ask your dad to give you _____ money? I haven't got _____ myself.
2. **A:** Would you like _____ extra coffee? You seem tired.
B: I'm fine, I don't need _____ more.
3. _____ individuals rarely have _____ trouble learning new languages.
4. I didn't realize there was still _____ coffee remaining.
I've prepared _____ more just in case.
5. I completed this task without _____ assistance.
6. My younger sister rarely has _____ problems remembering the lyrics to the newest pop songs. There are hardly _____ she doesn't know perfectly.

much or many?

3. Rewrite the sentences with much or many using the words in brackets. Make changes if needed.

- 1. I'm not sure how much drink to buy. (cans of cola)
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- 2. Are there a lot of tasks to finish in the bathroom? (work)
- 3. Did they carry out many tests before discovering a cure? (research)
- 4. I didn't struggle much with this activity either. (problems)
- 5. I didn't spend a lot of time working on the research assignment. (time)
- 6. I have too many bags — I can't take them all with me. (luggage)
- 7. There are far too many vehicles on the roads in our city. (traffic)
- 8. They weren't able to give me much info about the flight delay. (information)

The canteen



4. Write 10 sentences about the canteen picture, using each phrase from the box once.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

5. Answer the students' questions about the canteen using an expression of quantity without a noun.

1. **A:** Is there any chocolate cake?
B: Sorry, there's none left.
2. **A:** What about chocolate mousse?
B: Well, there's a little.
3. **A:** Can I have some milk?
B: Yes, of course, there's _____ left.
4. **A:** Have you got any chocolate biscuits?
B: Well, there are _____.
5. **A:** Two portions of spaghetti, please.
B: Sorry, there's _____ left.
6. **A:** Can I have some apple juice?
B: Sorry, there's _____ left.
7. **A:** Are there any hamburgers?
B: Yes, there are quite _____.
8. **A:** Have you run out of bananas?
B: No, I think we've got _____ out the back.
9. **A:** Is this all the apple juice you've got?
B: I'm afraid so, but we've got _____ orange juice.
A: Never mind, orange juice will do. I'll take _____ those cartons, please.

Very little, a little, few ...

6. Replace the underlined words in the sentences with *very little, a little, few, very few, a few, fewer, or less*.

1. There was a lot of wine at the party, but hardly any was drunk. very little.
2. I'm on a diet, so I'll just have three biscuits and a small piece of cheese. _____
3. Children don't have as much respect as they used to for their teachers. _____
4. Lots of people have tried to climb Everest, but not many have succeeded. _____
5. Dave can speak fluent Spanish and some Portuguese. _____
6. Not as many people smoke these days. _____
7. Not many people manage to become completely fluent in a language. _____
8. It's been three or four years since we last saw him. _____
9. There isn't very much I can do to help you. _____
10. There are lots of reasons why I don't want to expand the business. _____
11. Here are some of them. _____

something, anybody, nowhere, everyone ...

1. *Any, anyone, anybody, anywhere, and anything* can mean that it doesn't matter which, what, who, where.



You can say **anything** you want.
I don't care. Borrow **any** book
you want.
Put the picture **anywhere**.
I don't mind.

2. *Everybody, everyone, and everything* are singular, not plural.



Everybody knows who did it.
Everything makes sense now.

Everyone likes Kevin.

7. Complete the sentences with a combination of the following words.

some		one / body
any	+	thing
no		where
every		

- I don't care where we go on holiday as long as it's _____ hot.
- Do you know if _____ would like some coffee?
- I've been searching for my glasses _____, but I still can't find them _____.
- A: What do you want for dinner, Harry?
B: Oh, _____. I don't mind!
- This sale is fantastic. You get 40% off _____ in the store.
- It's really boring at Auntie Martha's. There's absolutely _____ to do, _____ to go, and _____ to play with.
- I'm a very sensitive person. _____ understands me.
- There was _____ for me to sit on the train, so I had to stand.
- Mia's getting married to _____ she met last summer.
- Sue is such a chatterbox; she's always got _____ to say, but she rarely says _____ interesting.
- Our dog will happily go for a walk with _____. You can take him _____.
- Ben's so well-liked. _____ talks about him.

8. Match a line in A with a line in B to make sentences.

A	B
1. I think they live	a. somewhere near my house.
2. This area's dangerous. I wouldn't live	b. anywhere near here.
3. I've searched	c. anywhere.
4. I can't find it	d. everywhere.
5. My parents never took me	e. everywhere.
6. My parents took me	f. anywhere.
7. I've already had	g. something to eat.
8. I've had	h. nothing to eat.
9. He told them he knew	i. anything.
10. He didn't tell them	j. nothing.
11. I thought I'd know	k. somebody at the party.
12. I didn't know	l. anybody at the party.
13. Janet always gets	m. everything she wants.
14. Janet didn't have	n. anything to wear.
15. Anybody	o. remembered your birthday. Sorry!
16. Nobody	p. can cook. It's easy.

9. Read about three entrepreneurs. Complete their stories using the words in the boxes.

Hopeful entrepreneurs

In reality TV programme Dragons' Den, hopeful entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a panel of multi-millionaires. The 'Dragons' invest if they believe the business is viable. But sometimes they are wrong...

The Trunki

any a bit all few many
one piece one of

The Trunki is a colorful, adaptable piece of hand luggage for children which **1.** _____ of us will have seen at airports. It is a small suitcase with wheels, which can be used as a seat for children who are getting **2.** _____ tired, and easily pulled by a parent with a small child sitting on top. The Trunki is a great invention and **3.** _____ parents travelling by plane with young children would disagree. Despite its obvious potential, the inventor of the Trunki, Rob Law, was dismissed from the Den without **4.** _____ financial backing. The Trunki is now **5.** _____ the top-selling baggage items at department stores in the UK. Rob offers **6.** _____ new entrepreneurs **7.** _____ of advice: 'If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.'

The SwimFin

hundred a couple all anything
more something nobody

Kevin Moseley is an inventor with a sense of humor. He came up with the idea of designing a shark's fin to help children float in water! His invention was rejected by **8.** _____ of the Dragons, who even made **9.** _____ of Jaws jokes. They said **10.** _____ would buy such a 'dangerous' and 'silly' swimming aid and that his SwimFin would never amount to **11.** _____. However, Kevin decided to ignore their comments and make **12.** _____ SwimFins in his garage. Two years later, the SwimFin is a **13.** _____ thousand pound business and a worldwide success, **14.** _____ the Dragons hadn't anticipated!

Road Refresher

a few no one none one over
several a great deal of

The Dragons have **15.** _____ business acumen between them, but occasionally they make **16.** _____ mistakes. **17.** _____ is a better example of not giving up than Natalie Ellis. Her non-spill bowl for travelling pets was subjected to **18.** _____ sarcastic comments from the Dragons. **19.** _____ of them saw a future in the Road Refresher. Thankfully, Natalie wasn't disheartened, and by the end of the year she had made **20.** _____ a million pounds from her canine creation.

Now, the Road Refresher is exported all over the world, and has a 4.7 star rating on Amazon. It received the ultimate endorsement when Barack Obama bought **21.** _____ for his dog, Bo.

Prepositions and nouns

10. Which prepositions go with the words on the right in these two tables?

A

below	in	on	over	under	against	
						average
						debt
						arrest
						75%
						freezing
						18 years old
						the advice of
						pressure
						business
						new management

B

at	by	during	In	on	from	
						midnight
						the night
						the beginning
						the winter
						the weekend
						time
						a fortnight's time
						the rush hour
						his forties
						the end of the week

Prepositions in context

11. Read the following article about a British opticians, Specsavers. Fill it in with the pertinent prepositions.

SHOULD'VE GONE TO SPECSAVERS!

Specsavers is a British opticians chain with stores in the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Australia, and New Zealand. It was begun by husband and wife team, Doug and Dame Mary Perkins, in their spare room **1.** _____ 1984. **2.** _____ spite of these humble beginnings, it has grown to be the UK's largest employer **3.** _____ registered optometrists.

Now **4.** _____ their 70s, Mary and Doug met **5.** _____ Cardiff University in the 1960s. They were both studying **6.** _____ degrees **7.** _____ optometry. Doug borrowed money **8.** _____ his grandparents and bought the opticians owned **9.** _____ Mary's father in Bristol. Before Specsavers, opticians had been expensive, and there had been limited choice. Mary and Doug offered affordable and fashionable eyecare **10.** _____ all. **11.** _____ all advice, they decided to launch a 2-for-1 offer **12.** _____ all frames – this was a phenomenal success and Specsavers went **13.** _____ strength to strength.

Mary and Doug also realized the power **14.** _____ advertising and celebrity branding. Specsavers is one **15.** _____ the highest spenders **16.** _____ advertising and it is known for its humorous approach. It offers a range of frames designed **17.** _____ famous designers and celebrities. William launched his global brand in 2018.

Specsavers is a family business. The couple and their three grown-up children oversee the Specsavers empire **18.** _____ their central office in Guernsey. And it really is an empire, with **19.** _____ 32 million customers, 30,000 employees and **20.** _____ 2,000 stores. The family is one of the richest families in Britain, and yet Mary and Doug still live in their modest four-bedroom house in Guernsey – Mary even kept the same car **21.** _____ twelve years. They are a modest, hard-working family who saw a gap in the eyecare market and the rest is history!

Specsavers timeline

1984: opens first store in Bristol

1990: innovative 2-for-1 offer is launched

1997: first international store opens in Haarlem, Netherlands

2003: famous caption 'Should've gone to Specsavers' is launched

2008: 1,000th store opens

2010: market leader in New Zealand

2011: market leader in Australia

2012: 1,500th store opens

2016: Turnover of record breaking £2.18 billion

2018: William launches his global brand

Money advice

1. Complete the sentences using the words from the list. Each word should be used only once.

set up reduce spread transfer pay off refund invoice haggle compare sales figures

1. You should always _____ over your mobile phone package. You can usually negotiate a better deal!
2. It is always advisable to _____ credit card balances in full each month to avoid paying high interest charges.
3. To manage your finances more efficiently, _____ direct debits, then you know exactly when money is leaving your bank account.
4. You can _____ your heating bill by up to 20% by insulating your loft.
5. Rather than paying in full, _____ the cost of household bills over the year in monthly or quarterly payments.
6. You should _____ your credit card balance to a new card with 0% interest.
7. Before renewing your car insurance, go online and _____ prices. You could be paying far too much!
8. Due to the current recession, this year's _____ have been very disappointing.
9. As part of your statutory rights, you are entitled to a full _____ within 30 days of purchase.
10. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt of _____ which will be sent by email.