



9A countable / uncountable nouns , a / an, some / any

Some nouns can be countable and uncountable in English, but with different meanings.



No me gusta la pimienta.
= I don't like pepper. (uncountable)



¿Me da un pimiento rojo?
= Can I have a red pepper? (countable)



¿Quieres un poco de chocolate?
= Do you want some chocolate?
(uncountable)



¿Pásame los bombones?
= Pass me the chocolates. (countable)

Some and any are used in English but are not translated in Spanish.

¿Quieres aceite de oliva? = Do you want some olive oil?
No tenemos azúcar. = We don't have any sugar.

9B quantifiers

Remember that *Cuánto/a* = *How much* and *Cuántos/as* = *How many*.

¿Cuánto cuesta? = How much does it cost?
¿Cuánta leche hay? = How much milk is there?
¿Cuántos tomates necesitas? = How many tomatoes do you need?
¿Cuántos niños tienen? = How many children do they have?

Mucho/a = *a lot (of)* in [+] sentences, and *much* in [-] sentences

Tengo mucho trabajo ahora. = I have a lot of work at the moment.
No tengo mucho trabajo ahora. = I don't have much work at the moment.

Muchos/as = *a lot (of)* in [+] sentences, and *many* in [-] sentences

Él tiene muchos amigos. = He has a lot of friends.
Él no tiene muchos amigos. = He doesn't have many friends.



Doctor	¿Come muchos dulces?	Do you eat many sweets?
Patient	Sí, muchos.	Yes, a lot.
Doctor	¿Y come mucha fruta?	And do you eat much fruit?
Patient	Sí, mucha. Me encanta.	Yes, a lot. I love it.
Doctor	¿Y cuántos huevos comes a la semana?	And how many eggs a week?
Patient	Bastantes.	Quite a lot.
Doctor	¿Cuánta leche toma?	How much milk do you have?
Patient	No mucha.	Not much.
Doctor	¿Y verduras?	And vegetables?
Patient	No muchas.	Not many.
Doctor	Bueno, come más verduras y no coma dulces.	Well, eat more fruit and don't eat sweets.



Don't use *of* after *a little*.

Pongo un poco de azúcar en el té. = I take a little sugar in my tea. NOT ~~I take a little of sugar in my tea.~~

Don't use *of* after *a lot* in short answers and after a verb when there is no noun.

Come mucho. = He eats a lot. NOT ~~He eats a lot of.~~

Do you eat a lot of cheese? Yes, a lot. NOT ~~Yes, a lot of.~~

PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with the pronunciation of *few*, *little* and *none*.

few /fju:/

little /lɪtl/

none /nʌn/

9C comparative adjectives

Remember to use *adjective + -er* for adjectives of one syllable.

Soy más joven que mi hermana. = I'm younger than my sister. NOT ~~I'm more young than my sister.~~

Madrid es más grande que Valencia. = Madrid is bigger than Valencia. NOT ~~Madrid is more big than Valencia.~~

Remember to use *adjective + -ier* for adjectives of two syllables ending in consonant + y.

Extremadura es más seca que Galicia. = Extremadura is drier than Galicia. NOT ~~Extremadura is more dry / dryer than Galicia.~~

La dieta mediterránea es más saludable que la estadounidense. = The Mediterranean diet is healthier than the American one. NOT ~~The Mediterranean diet is more healthy / healthier than the American one.~~

Don't confuse *than* and *that*.

Soy más alto que tú. = I'm taller than you. NOT ~~I'm taller that you.~~

En Andalucía hace más calor que en Asturias. = Andalusia is hotter than Asturias. NOT ~~Andalusia is hotter that Asturias.~~

PRONUNCIATION

Be careful with the pronunciation of the *-er* ending.

older /'əʊldə/

bigger /'bɪgə/

drier /'draɪə/

better /'beta/

