

some bread, two eggs

Countable food and uncountable amounts

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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You can count eggs and rolls: **an egg, two eggs, a roll, three rolls**. **Bread, milk, water, butter** and **cheese** are normally uncountable and do not take **a/an** just to mean an amount.

Use **some** for an unspecified positive amount: **some bread, some milk**. Make a unit countable with a container or portion: **a glass of water, a piece of bread**.

In an offer or request, **some** is natural because you expect it is available: **Would you like some milk?, Can I have some water?** These polite question phrases can be learned whole.

Form	Example	Meaning
eggs	Two eggs, please.	Order two eggs.
bread	Some bread, please.	Ask for bread as an amount.
of	A glass of water, please.	Name a container of water.
some	Can I have some milk?	Ask for an available amount of milk.
piece	A piece of bread, please.	Ask for one portion of bread.
an	I'd like an egg.	Order one egg.

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Name a container of water.

Can I have some milk?

Ask for an available amount of milk.

A piece of bread, please.

Ask for one portion of bread.

I'd like an egg.

Order one egg.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 Two eggs, please.

Meaning: Order two eggs.

2 Some bread, please.

Meaning: Ask for bread as an amount.

3 A glass of water, please.

Meaning: Name a container of water.

4 Can I have some milk?

Meaning: Ask for an available amount of milk.

5 A piece of bread, please.

Meaning: Ask for one portion of bread.

6 I'd like an egg.

Meaning: Order one egg.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Two _____, please.

- ☐ A eggs
- ☐ B egg
- ☐ C eggse

Meaning: Order two eggs.

2 Some _____, please.

- ☐ A a bread
- ☐ B breads
- ☐ C bread

Meaning: Ask for bread as an amount.

3 A glass _____ water, please.

- ☐ A with
- ☐ B at
- ☐ C of

Meaning: Name a container of water.

4 Can I have _____ milk?

- ☐ A a
- ☐ B an
- ☐ C some

Meaning: Ask for an available amount of milk.

5 A _____ of bread, please.

- ☐ A eggs
- ☐ B piece
- ☐ C pieces

Meaning: Ask for one portion of bread.

6 I'd like _____ egg.

- ☐ A some
- ☐ B a
- ☐ C an

Meaning: Order one egg.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

eggs egg

Two _____, please.

Meaning: Order two eggs.

bread breads

Some _____, please.

Meaning: Ask for bread as an amount.

of with

A glass _____ water, please.

Meaning: Name a container of water.

some a

Can I have _____ milk?

Meaning: Ask for an available amount of milk.

piece pieces

A _____ of bread, please.

Meaning: Ask for one portion of bread.

an a

I'd like _____ egg.

Meaning: Order one egg.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 Two eggs, please.

Meaning: Order two eggs.

2 please. Some bread,

Meaning: Ask for bread as an amount.

3 of A please. water, glass

Meaning: Name a container of water.

4 Can some have milk? I

Meaning: Ask for an available amount of milk.

5 A of bread, piece please.

Meaning: Ask for one portion of bread.

- 6 egg. an like I'd

Meaning: Order one egg.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Order two eggs. You say:

- ☐ A Two eggs, please.
- ☐ B Two egg, please.

2 Ask for bread as an amount. You say:

- ☐ A Some breads, please.
- ☐ B Some bread, please.

3 Name a container of water. You say:

- ☐ A A glass with water, please.
- ☐ B A glass of water, please.

4 Ask for an available amount of milk. You say:

- (A) Can I have some milk?
- (B) Can I have a milk?

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) I'd like an egg. | (A) Ask for bread as an amount. |
| (2) Can I have some milk? | (B) Name a container of water. |
| (3) Two eggs, please. | (C) Order one egg. |
| (4) Some bread, please. | (D) Ask for an available amount of milk. |
| (5) A glass of water, please. | (E) Ask for one portion of bread. |
| (6) A piece of bread, please. | (F) Order two eggs. |