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Explanations

Countable nouns

We can count countable nouns.

a bottle two bottles three bottles

Countable nouns-singular ***a/an***

We use ***an*** before words beginning with a vowel.

I've got an umbrella. Have you got a chair?

Some words are irregular because the sound is different.

an hour (the *h* is silent) *a university*

Countable nouns – plural ***some, any, not any***

We use *some* for statements.

There are some chairs in the other room.

We use ***any*** for questions.

Are there any chairs in the other room?

We use ***not ... any*** for negatives.

There aren't any chairs in the other room.

Uncountable

(mass)
nouns

We cannot count uncountable nouns.

some coffee some milk some rice

All uncountable/mass nouns ***some, any, not any***

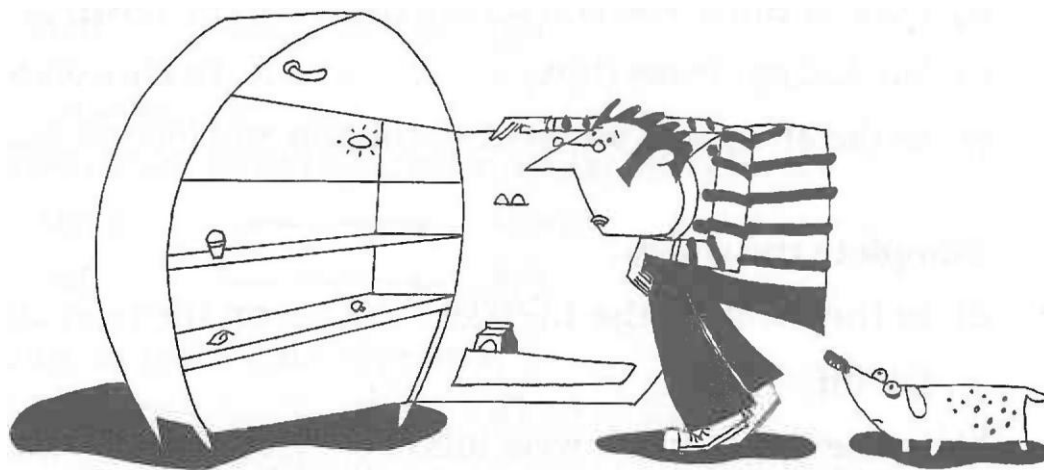
We bought some tea.

Did you buy any tea?

We didn't buy any tea.

- *Could you buy me some tea?* (I expect you to say 'Yes'.)

Are there some sandwiches for me?



There isn't any food left.