

Countable uncountable nouns.

A) Decide which is a countable and which is an uncountable noun.

!!! rzeczowniki niepoliczalne nie tworzą liczby mnogiej: sugar – ~~sugars~~

!!! rzeczowniki niepoliczalne nie są poprzedzane przez a/an: ~~a~~-water / ~~an~~ information

* the noun has two meanings

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| 1. accommodation N | 11. information N | 21. gold N | 31. passion P |
| 2. room P | 12. advice N | 22. iron (x2*) P/N | 32. space N |
| 3. luggage N | 13. coin P | 23. soup N | 33. hair (x2*) P/N |
| 4. suitcase P | 14. money N | 24. engine P | 34. marmalade N |
| 5. paper (x2*) P/N | 15. banknote P | 25. freedom N | 35. blood N |
| 6. honey N | 16. time (x2*) P/N | 26. key P | 36. rice N |
| 7. olive P | 17. pepper (x2*) P/N | 27. light N | 37. sunflower P |
| 8. olive oil N | 18. love N | 28. baggage N | 38. wood P |
| 9. furniture N | 19. friendship N | 29. work N | 39. tooth P |
| 10. sofa P | 20. friends P | 30. job P | 40. bread N |

B) Insert A FEW / FEW (countable nouns = policzalne) / A LITTLE / LITTLE (uncountable nouns = niepoliczalne)

!!! A FEW = kilka

FEW = niewiele

A FEW > FEW

!!! A LITTLE = trochę

LITTLE = mało

A LITTLE > LITTLE

1. There are A FEW hens in the hen house.
2. There are A FEW doughnuts on the plate, help yourself please.
3. Is there A LITTKLE spaghetti left for me?
4. I can rely on FEW people. I trust only my mom and dad.
5. The waiting room is almost empty. There are FEW patients waiting.
6. The bottle is almost empty. There is LITTLE milk left.
7. Please spread A LITTLE marmalade on my bread.
8. I have A FEW suggestions, would you like to listen to them?
9. We have A FEW potential customers willing to sign a deal.
10. I need A LITTLE salt. Could you pass me a saltshaker?
11. There is A LIITLE / LITTLE coffee in the jar. I will make some in a moment.
12. There are FEW trips at affordable prices available at the moment. Others were sold out.

C) Insert SOME / ANY

!!! We use **some** in affirmative sentences and polite questions starting with (Can, Could, May, Might, Will, Would)

!!! We use **any** in questions and negative sentences.

1. Could you provide me with SOME reasonable explanations?
2. I guess I have not ANY free time left. I am not going to help you.
3. Could you pour SOME hot water to the glass?
4. There are SOME urgent matters which we have to be dealt with.
5. There are not ANY traffic jams on the motorway A4 today.
6. Unfortunately, I have not got ANY gifts last Christmas.
7. Would you bake SOME cup cakes for us, grannie?
8. There are not ANY customers waiting to be served.
9. The fishing net is empty; there are not ANY fish inside.

10. Everybody deserves SOME relaxation.
11. We haven't heard ANY news from our family in Japan since last June.
12. It is high time to make SOME steps forward.

D) Choose the appropriate form(s).

COUNTABLE

1. many = dużo
2. a few = kilka
3. **hardly any = prawie ...**
4. a couple of = kilka
5. **a lot of / lots of = dużo**
6. **plenty of = dużo**
7. a great number of = duża liczba
8. a small number of = mała liczba
9. both = obaj, obie
10. several = wiele

UNCOUNTABLE

1. much = dużo
2. a little = trochę
3. **hardly any = prawie ...**
4. a large quantity of – duża ilość
5. **a lot of / lots of = dużo**
6. **plenty of = dużo**
7. a great deal of = dużo
8. a small amount of = mała ilość

1. **A great number / A large quantity** of students applied for scholarships.
2. I think **hardly any / a little** person uses floppy disks today.
3. **A couple of / A few / A large quantity of** friends threw a surprise birthday party for me.
4. There is **several / a small amount of** Nutella in the jar. We have to buy some.
5. **Much / Many / Plenty of** people choose professional career instead of family life today.
6. I suppose we will need **a great number / plenty of / a large quantity of** flour to bake 10 birthday cakes.
7. **A little / Both / A few** police officers died in an ambush.
8. There is **lots of / many / much** to reconsider.
9. He can consume **a few / a little / a couple of** hot dogs in 5 minutes.
10. Although we live in a block of flats we have **several / plenty of / lots of** space.
11. It cost me **many / much** effort to do the driving license.
12. **Several / Few / Much** patients had a food poisoning after eating meat rolls with potato dumplings.
13. A boxer lost **several / a few / much teeth** during the fight.
14. Could print **a little / a small amount of / a couple of** copies for me, please?
15. Not **a great number of / a great deal of** voters took part in the elections.
16. My car uses **plenty of / several / many** petrol. I must buy a more economical one.
17. My wife spends **a lot of / a great number of / several** money on shoes.
18. **Several / Much / Many** building collapsed after the earthquake.
19. The hurricane caused **both / a great deal of / much** damage.
20. I have found **a few / several / a little** hairs in my soup. That was awful.
21. **Several / Much / Lots of** bacterium were found in the blood sample. (bacteria = l.poj / bacterium = l.mn)
22. There were **a little / a few / a couple of** passengers injured in a train crash.
23. I run **a few / a little / a small amount of** kilometers every day.
24. **A little / A small amount / A couple of** wine will do you good.
25. The army shot down **a small number of / a small amount** of planes.