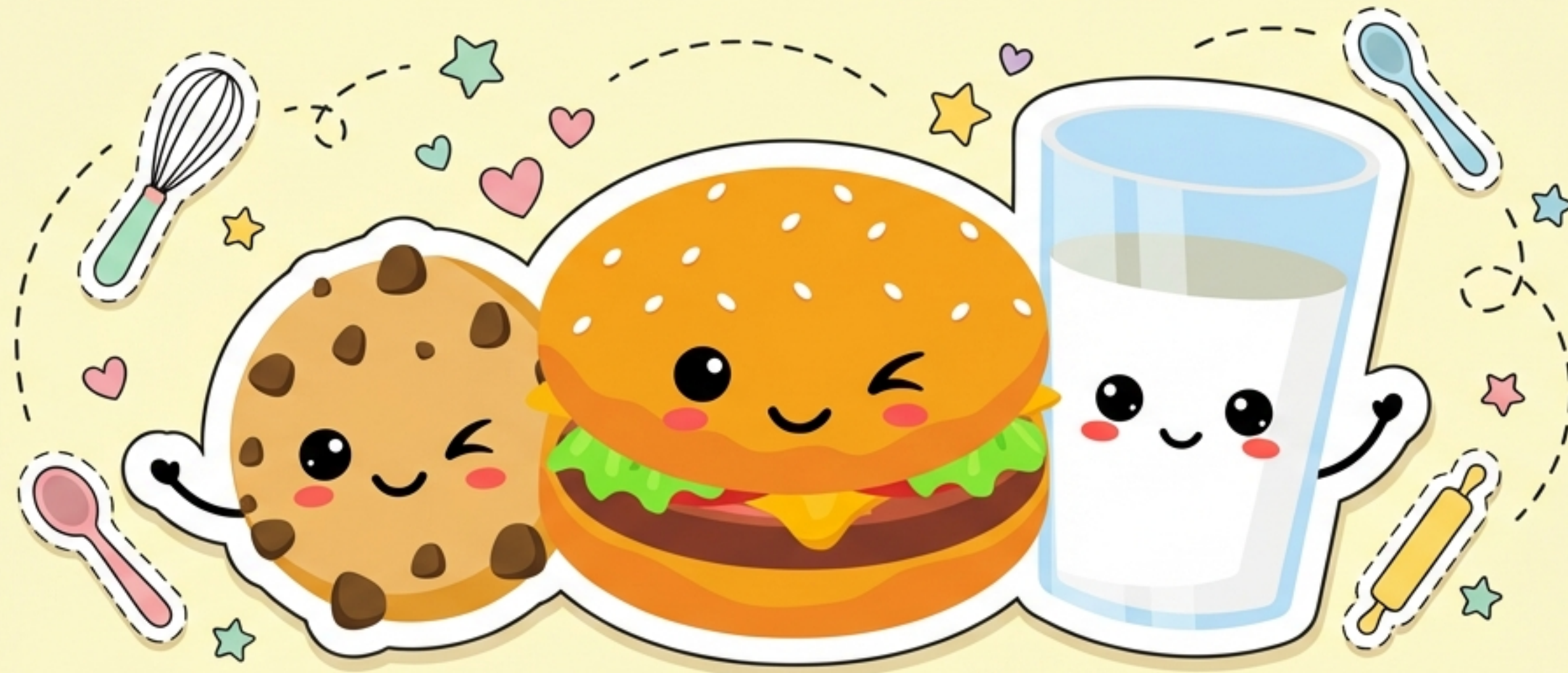




# Kitchen Grammar: Countable vs. Uncountable Nouns

A guide to ingredients, quantities, and questions.



In our kitchen,  
ingredients fall into  
two categories:



## COUNTABLE

Things we count 1-by-1.  
(1 Apple, 2 Peppers,  
3 Cookies).



## UNCOUNTABLE

Substances we measure by  
mass or container.  
(Milk, Soup, Water, Flour).

# Countable Nouns (The '1, 2, 3' Team)

**Rule:** These nouns have singular and plural forms. We can add a number and an 'S'.



One Apple



Two Appless



One Cookie



Three Cookiess



One Pepper



Many Pepperss

**Other team members:** Apple, Banana, Burger, Carrot, Egg, Grape, Lemon, Olive, Pear, Prawn, Tomato.

# Uncountable Nouns (The 'Mass' Team)

**Rule:** Always singular. No plural 'S'. We count the CONTAINER, not the substance.



Milk

~~Two Milks~~

**Other team members:**

Bread  
Butter  
Cheese  
Coffee  
Honey  
Meat  
Milk  
Oil  
Sugar  
Tea  
Water.



Cannot separate!



**We say:**  
A glass of milk,  
A bowl of soup,  
A slice of bread.

# The Sorting Challenge

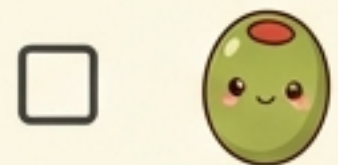
Where do these ingredients belong? Check the shelves or the jars.



Tea



Pear



Olive



Coffee



Butter



Tomato



Answer Key: Countable: Pear, Olive, Tomato, Uncountable: Tea, Coffee, Butter.

# The Quantifier Toolkit

Words we use to describe 'How much?' or 'How many?'



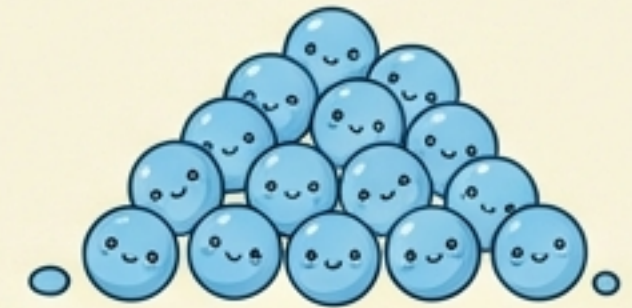
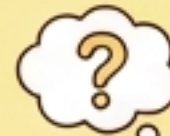
## Small Amounts

- **A / An**  
(Singular)
- **A little**  
(Uncountable)
- **A few**  
(Countable)



## Medium Amounts

- **Some**  
(Positive)
- **Any**  
(Negative/Question)



## Large Amounts

- **A lot of**
- **Many**  
(Countable)
- **Much**  
(Uncountable)



# Much vs. Many

## MANY

For things you can count.



There are **MANY** cookies.

## MUCH

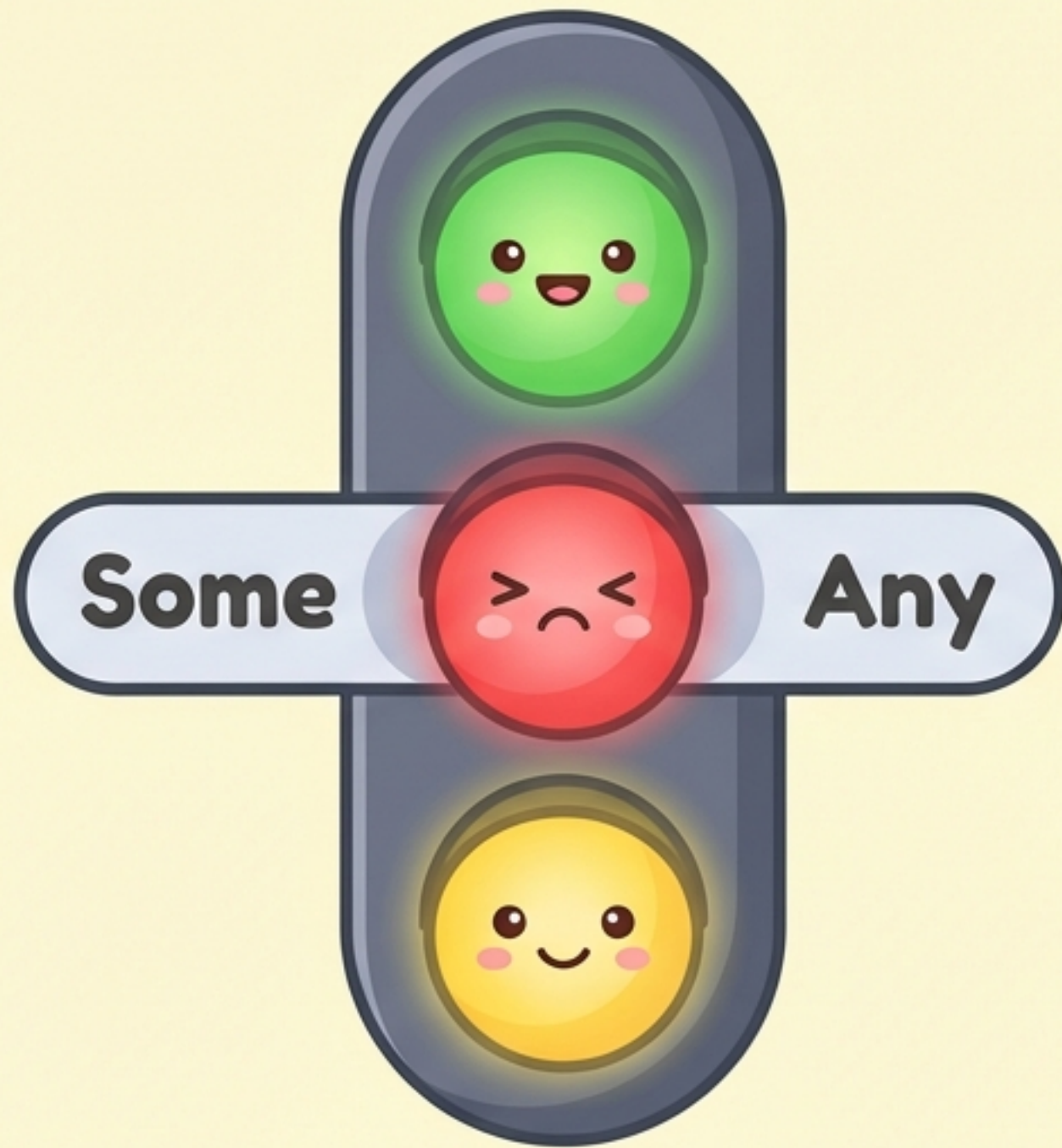
For things you measure.



There is **MUCH** sugar.

**Mnemonic:** If you can add an 'S' (Cookies), use **MANY**. If it stays singular (Sugar), use **MUCH**.

# The 'Some' vs. 'Any' Switch



Affirmative (+) Sentences

**SOME**

There is  
SOME milk.



Negative (x) Sentences

**ANY**

There isn't  
ANY cheese.



Questions (?)

**ANY**

Is there ANY  
tomato sauce?



# Building Sentences: Is vs. Are

## There IS

There is +  
Uncountable /  
Singular



There is some milk.



## There ARE

There are +  
Plural  
Countable (+s)



There are some peppers.

# The Fridge Inspection: What do we have? (+)



## Inventory

- ✓ There **are** some bananas.
- ✓ There **are** some chillies.
- ✓ There **is** some milk.
- ✓ There **is** some orange juice.

# The Empty Shelf: What is missing? (x)

✘ There **isn't any** soup.

✘ There **isn't any** water.

✘ There **aren't any** tomatoes.

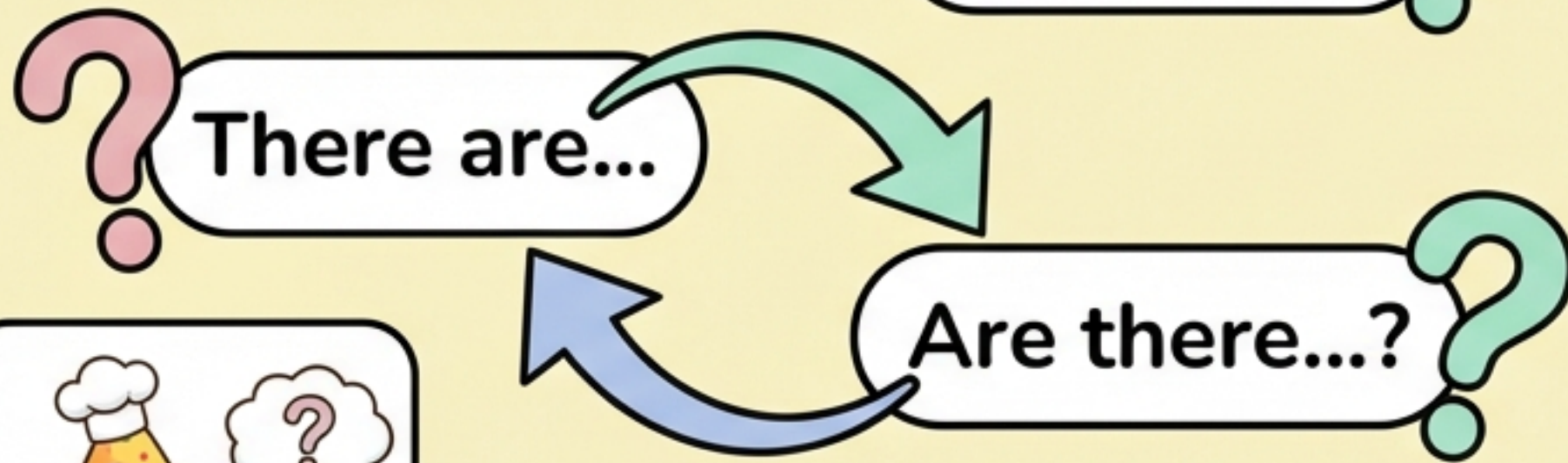
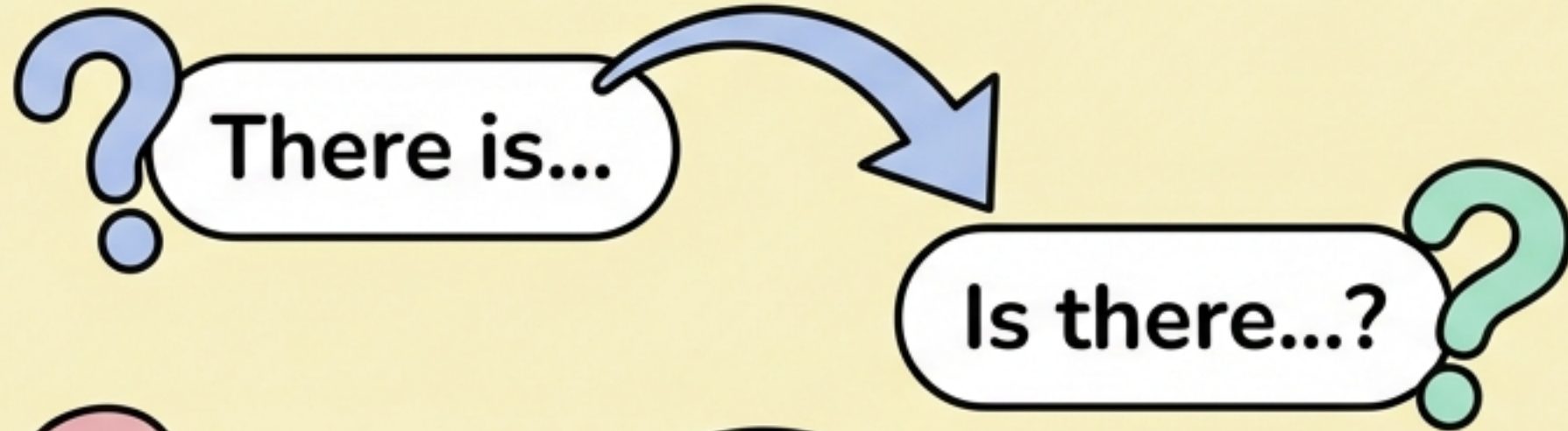
✘ There **aren't any** noodles.



Remember: Switch 'Some' to 'Any' for negative sentences!

# The Chef's Inquiry (?)

To ask a question, swap the order!



Answers: Yes, there is/are. OR No, there isn't/aren't.

? Is there any pizza in the fridge?



? Are there any eggs in the fridge?

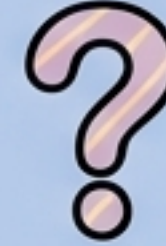


? Is there any fish in the fridge?



# Game Time: Make your move!

|              |  |              |            |            |              |
|--------------|--|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>START</b> | bananas<br>+   | oil<br>x     | apple<br>+ | water<br>? | peppers<br>+ |
| soup<br>x    |                      | grapes<br>?  |            |            |              |
| prawns<br>?  |        | bread<br>x   |            |            |              |
| sugar<br>+   |        | cupcake<br>? |            |            |              |
| milk<br>?    | carrots<br>x   | burger<br>?  | honey<br>+ | meat<br>?  | cookies<br>x |



You landed on Prawns.  
Ask the question!

Reveal Answer

Are there any  
prawns?



You landed on Honey.  
Make a sentence!

Reveal Answer

There is some honey.



You landed on Cookies.  
Make a negative!







Reveal Answer

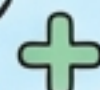
There aren't any  
cookies.



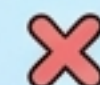
# Kitchen Grammar Cheat Sheet



| Type                      | Examples  | Verb  | Quantifier (+)   | Question/<br>Negative |
|---------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------|
| Countable<br>(1, 2, 3...) | <br>Apple(s), Cookie(s) | Are / Aren't<br> | Many / A few<br>      | Any ?                 |
| Uncountable<br>(Mass)     | <br>Milk, Sugar       | Is / Isn't<br> | Much / A little<br> | Any ?                 |



Use **SOME** for positive sentences (+).  
Use **ANY** for negatives (x) and questions (?).



# Ready to Cook!

You have stocked the shelves, checked the jars, and inspected the fridge. You are ready to use these ingredients in your next conversation.



*Easy peasy...  
lemon squeezy!*

