



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 Apples^s



One Cookie



Three Cookies^s



One Pepper



Many Peppers^s

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?'



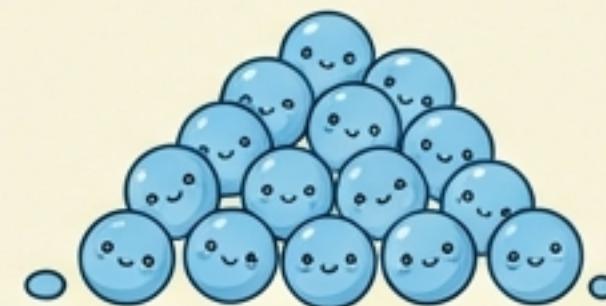
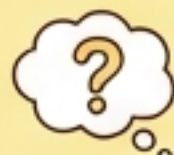
Small Amounts

- **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

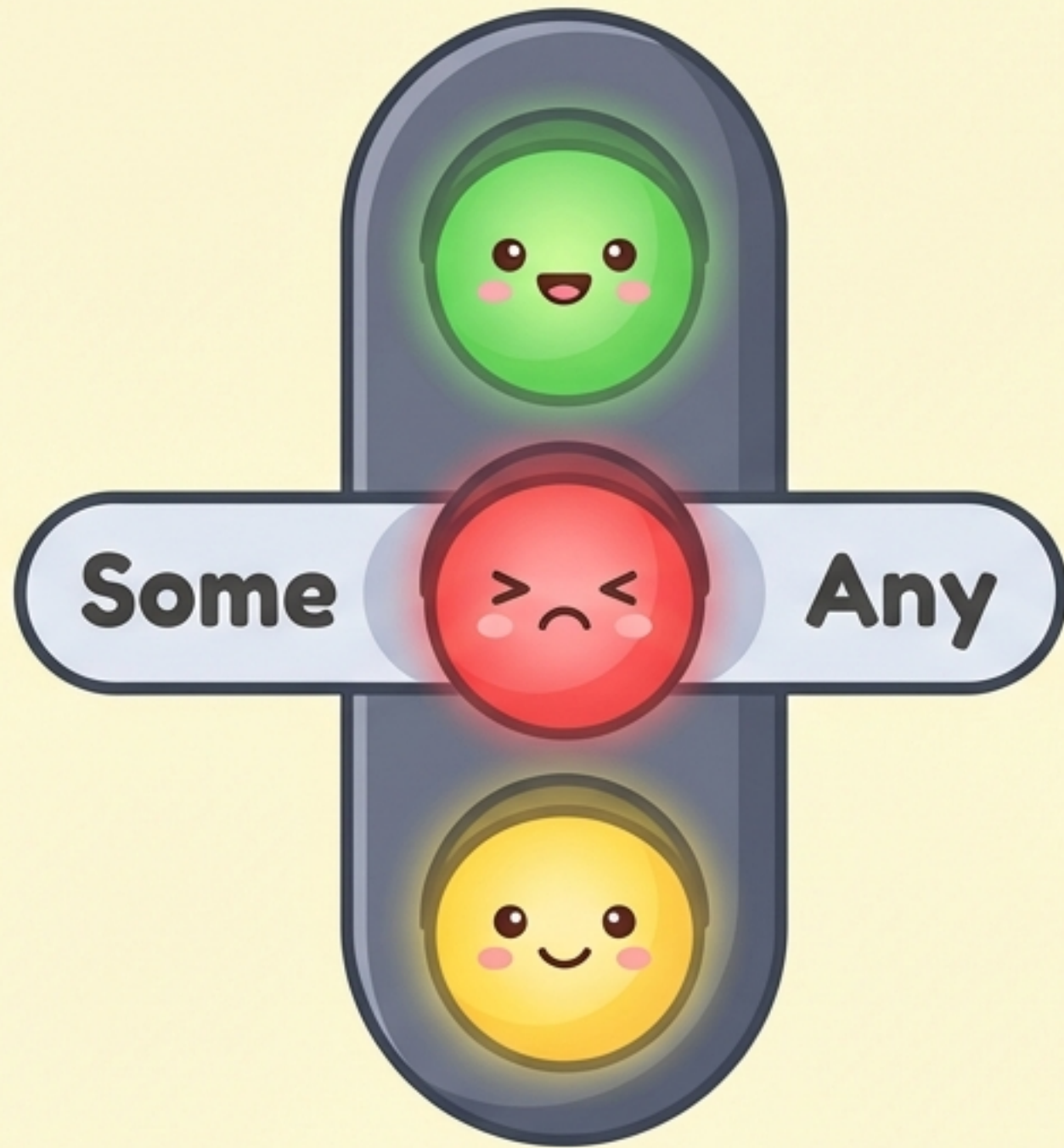
For things you measure.



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.

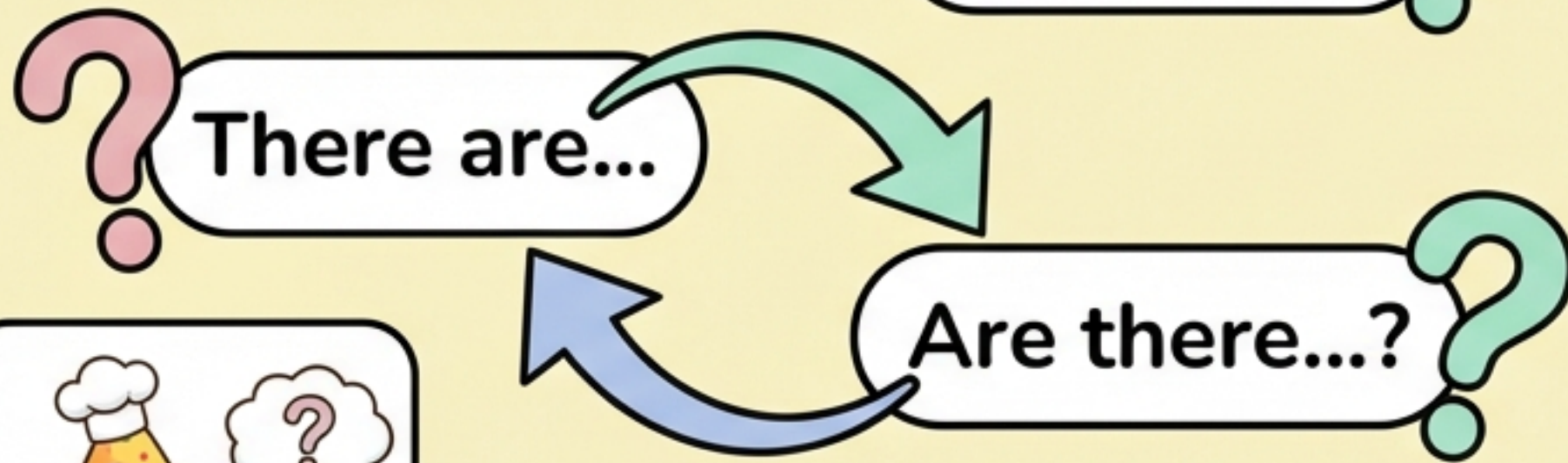
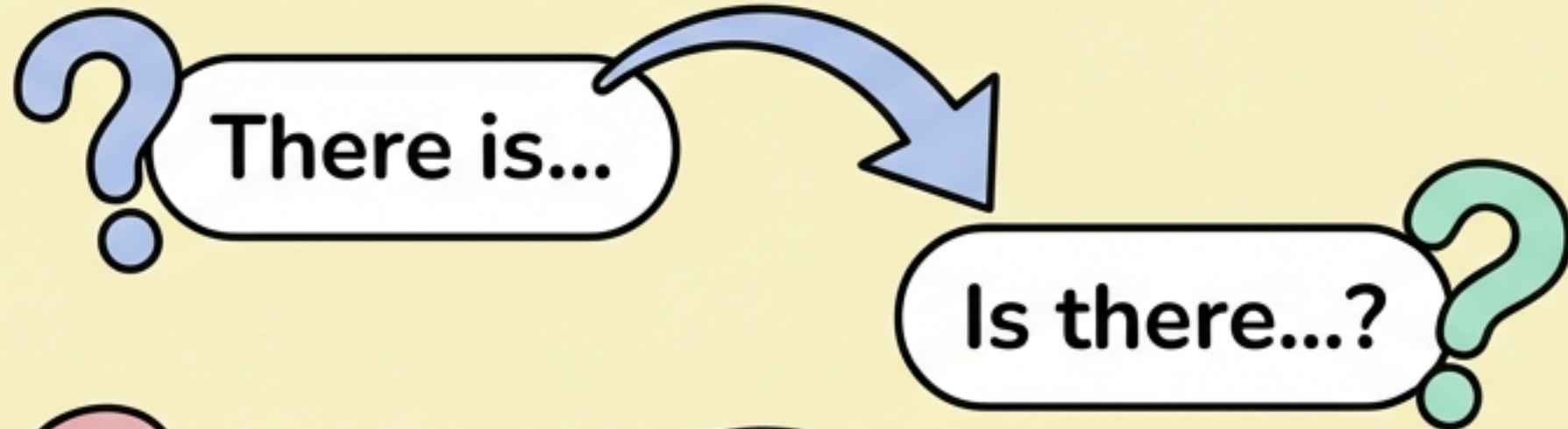
✘ There **aren't any** noodles.



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?

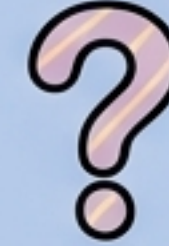


? Is there any fish in the fridge?



Game Time: Make your move!

START	bananas +	oil x	apple +	water ?	peppers +
soup x	      	grapes ?			
prawns ?	      	bread x			
sugar +	      	cupcake ?			
milk ?	carrots x	burger ?	honey +	meat ?	cookies 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

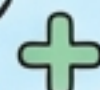
There aren't any
cookies.



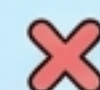
Kitchen Grammar Cheat Sheet



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