



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1

## ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 68 – a cake / some cake / some cake  
(countable / uncountable 2)



## A CÁCH DÙNG “A”, “AN” VÀ “SOME”

**a/an** + *singular countable nouns* (car/apple/shoe etc.):

- Ex1: I need **a** new **car**.
- Ex2: Would you like **an** **apple**?



an apple

**some** + *plural countable nouns* (cars/apples/shoes etc.):

- Ex3: I need **some** new **shoes**.
- Ex4: Would you like **some** **apples**?



some apples

**some** + *uncountable nouns* (water/money/music etc):

- Ex5: I need **some** **water**.
- Ex6: Would you like **some** **cheese**? (or Would you like a **piece of** cheese?)



some cheese or  
a piece of cheese

Compare **a** and **some**:

- Ex7: Nicola bought **a** **hat**, **some** **shoes** and **some** **perfume**.
- Ex8: I read **a** **newspaper**, made **some** **phone calls**, and listened to **some** **music**.

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## B DANH TỪ VỪA ĐẾM ĐƯỢC VỪA KHÔNG ĐẾM ĐƯỢC

Many nouns are sometimes countable and sometimes uncountable. For example:



a cake



some cakes



some cake or a piece of cake



a chicken



some chickens



some chicken or a piece of chicken

Compare a **paper** (= a newspaper) and **some paper**:

- Ex9: I want something to read. I'm going to buy a **paper**
- but ▪ Ex10: I want to make a shopping list. I need **some paper** / a **piece of paper**, (not a paper).

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## C DANH TỪ KHÔNG ĐẾM ĐƯỢC

Be careful with:

**advice bread furniture hair information news weather work**

These nouns are usually uncountable. So you can't say **a/an ...** (~~a bread, an advice~~), and they can't be plural (~~advices, furnitures~~ etc.).

- Ex11: Can I talk to you? I need **some advice**, (not an advice)
- Ex12: I'm going to buy **some bread**, (not a bread)
- Ex13: They've got **some** nice **furniture** in their house, (not furnitures)
- Ex14: Silvia has very long **hair**, (not hairs)
- Ex15: Where can I get **some information** about hotels here? (not informations)
- Ex16: Listen! I've just had **some** good **news**, (not a good news)
- Ex17: It's nice **weather** today, (not a nice weather)
- Ex18: 'Do you like your job?' 'Yes, but it's hard **work**.' (not a hard work)

We say **a job** (but not a work):

- Ex19: I've got **a new job**. (not a new work)

countable/uncountable 1 → **Unit 67**    **some** and **any** → **Unit 76**