

Countable or uncountable (Grammar)

- Description:** A walk-around activity to practice using countable and uncountable nouns.
- Use with or after:** *English Network 2 (New Edition)*, Unit 3, Step 1.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Use of *a*, *an* and *some* with countable and uncountable nouns.
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out the second, third, fourth and fifth pages of this file, on stiff paper if possible.
 - Cut along the dotted lines, but do NOT cut on the wavy lines, since these are for folding.
 - If you have more than sixteen students in your group, make an extra copy of one of the pages and use some of the items twice. If you have only eight (or fewer) students you could do the activity twice, using different cards each time.
- Procedure:**
- As a reminder, ask the students to look briefly at exercise 2b at the top of page 43 in Unit 3, Step 1 of *English Network 2 (New Edition)*.
 - Give each student one of the sixteen question cards and ask them to fold it on the wavy line. This way there will be a question and the appropriate answer on the front of the card, and a prompt in larger type on the back.
 - If there are any vocabulary questions, clear these up in a low voice with the individual students, not with the class as a whole.
 - Students stand up, walk around and talk to one other student at a time. At each encounter they ask the question on the front of their card, and show the other person the prompt on the back. Then they check to see that the other person gives the correct answer.
 - Take a card yourself and do the exercise with them, so you can be available for questions or corrections.

What would you like?

I'd like some advice,
please.

[*advice* is uncountable]

advice

What would you like?

I'd like an appointment,
please.

appointment

What would you like?

I'd like some help,
please.

[*help* in this meaning is
uncountable]

help

What would you like?

I'd like an explanation,
please.

explanation



What would you like?

I'd like some information,
please.

[*information* is
uncountable]

information

What would you like to
drink?

I'd like a glass of water,
please.

glass of water

What would you like to
drink?

I'd like some water,
please.

[*water* is uncountable]

water

What would you like?

I'd like some food,
please.

[*food* is uncountable]

food



What do you want to have next weekend?

I want to have some fun.

[*fun* is uncountable]

fun

What do you want to have next weekend?

I want to have a party.

party

What do you hope to have next weekend?

I hope to have some free time.

[*free time* is uncountable]

free time

What do you hope we'll have next weekend?

I hope we'll have some nice weather.

[*weather* is uncountable]

nice weather



What did the doctor give you?

He/She gave me some good advice.

[*advice* is uncountable]

good advice

What did the travel agent give you?

He/She gave me some information.

[*information* is uncountable]

information

What did Tania's parents give her?

They gave her an explanation.

explanation

What do you need?

I need some money.

[*money* is uncountable]

money

