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How many sweets?

Nouns - countable and uncountable

GRAN: What do you want for lunch?

KITTY: I don't know.

GRAN: Well, let's think about what we have.

KITTY: We have an apple, some eggs, some cheeses and a milk.

GRAN: In English we can't say 'some cheeses' and 'a milk' because they're both uncountable nouns. You can't count them. Can you say one milk, two milks?

KITTY: Um, nope!

GRAN: Exactly. We have to say 'some cheese' and 'some milk'.

KITTY: So, for uncountable nouns we don't add 's'?

GRAN: Right! But be careful. Sometimes we use 'some' and sometimes we use 'any'.

KITTY: Hmm. OK, so we have some rice, some bread and some grapes but we don't have any pasta.

GRAN: Do we have any juice?

KITTY: Yes, we have some orange juice but we don't have any apple juice.

GRAN: You're getting good at this! So how about a sandwich with some cheese and some tomatoes and a glass of orange juice?

KITTY: And some sweets afterwards?

GRAN: You can have one sweet, my sweetie!

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