COUNTABLE/UNCOUNTABLE NOUNS: A, SOME, ANY

1. Circle the uncountable nouns:

house  car  cheese  apple  money  table
sugar  coffee  cup  pencil  milk  wine
potato  bread  petrol  shoe  film  tea
newspaper  book  water  watch  toast  juice
glass  salt  oil  pen  class  meat
butter  sandwich  ham  egg  advice  holiday
time  chocolate  information  pen  orange  tuna

2. Charles is making an omelette for the first time. He asks his wife Alice who is watching TV.

a) Fill in the gaps with some or any:

Charles: Alice! Have we got ____________ eggs?
Alice: Yes, there are ____________ in the cupboard.
Charles: Have we got ____________ cheese?
Alice: Yes, there’s ____________ in the fridge.
Charles: Can I use ___________ olive oil?
Alice: Yes, of course.
Charles: I need ____________ tomatoes.
Alice: We haven’t got _____________. Charles, would you like ___________ help?
Charles: No, thanks, I’m OK.

b) Answer/complete these questions:

1. Do we use some or any in positive sentences? ______________
2. Do we use some or any in negative sentences? ______________
3. Do we usually use some or any in questions? ______________
4. But we use ______________ in questions when we expect the answer “Yes” or when the question is an offer.

3. Fill in the gaps with some or any:

Tom: Let’s go for a picnic in the park.
Sarah: OK. We’ll make ____________ sandwiches. What do we need?
Tom: We haven’t got ____________ bread. Can you buy ________?
Sarah: Yes, sure. What about butter?
Tom: We’ve got __________. I’ll buy _________cheese.
Sarah: OK, and is there __________ orange juice in the fridge?
Tom: No, I’ll get __________.
Sarah: Good. Do we need __________ apples or cherries?
Tom: Just __________ apples.
Sarah: Oh dear! I haven’t got __________ money to buy the bread!
Tom: Don’t worry. I’ll lend you __________.

4. Cross out a/an if it is wrong and substitute it with some. If it is correct, put a tick (✓)

1. Can you give me an __________ information, please?
2. I bought a __________ suitcase yesterday.
3. We need a __________money for the cinema.
4. He’s eating a __________ bread.
5. I’d like a __________ advice about my future.
6. We stopped at the filling station to get a __________ petrol.
7. I really need a __________ holiday.
8. Can you give me a __________ water, please? I’m thirsty.
9. Can you pass me a __________ newspaper?
10. Do you want an __________ apple?

5. Make these sentences negative. Use not…any

1. We’ve got some books about cinema.
2. Mary gave me some money yesterday.
3. Susan needs some help with her homework.
4. I bought some apples in the supermarket.
5. She’s got some sausages in the fridge.
6. There’s some milk in the cupboard.
7. He wrote some letters to his friends.
8. There are some apples left.

6. Rewrite the sentences in exercise 5 using no:

1. We’ve got no books about cinema.
7. Fill in the gaps with some, any or no.

1. I’m really thirsty. I need ____________ water, please.
2. I went to the library, but I couldn’t find ____________ books about art.
3. Can you give me ____________ coffee, please?
4. She sent ____________ postcards to her friends, but she didn’t make ____________ phone calls when she was in Britain.
5. It’s very cold, so there are ____________ children playing in the street.
6. I bought ____________ coffee, but I didn’t buy ____________ tea.
7. Have you got ____________ chocolate biscuits? I’m sorry, there are ____________ biscuits left.
8. “Mary, I’m afraid there’s ____________ juice in the fridge.
9. They ate ____________ apples, but they didn’t eat ____________ oranges.
10. A. “Do you want ____________ cheese? It’s delicious”. B. “Ok, give me ____________.”
11. I’m sorry, but I’ve got ____________ time to help you.
12. He prepared ____________ fruit for dessert.
13. I wanted to invite you, but I’ve got ____________ money.
14. Is there ____________ oil in the kitchen?
15. We need ____________ coins for the car park. Have you got ____________, Peter?

8. Complete the sentences with how many, how much, a lot of, enough, too many, too much, not much, not many.

1. A. ____________ sugar is there? B. There is ____________ to make the cake, Mary.
2. I have got ____________ money to buy a ticket for the concert.
3. I’ve got some rice, but ____________.
4. A. Have they got ____________ time to practise sport? B. Yes, but ____________.
5. A. ____________ exercises do you have to do, Charles? B. I ____________, I think.
6. Don’t buy any potatoes, we’ve got ____________ potatoes left.
7. Peter has got some friends, but ____________.
8. ____________ people are there in the classroom?
9. Are there ____________ people to play a football match?
10. ____________ eggs do you need to make the omelette?
11. There were ____________ people at the party, it was fantastic.
12. A. ____________ chocolate do you eat? B. I think I eat ____________, but I’m afraid I’m a chocoholic.
13. She ate ____________ chocolates, so she’s got a stomach ache.