

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

Uses of

A / AN

SOME / ANY

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A / AN

We use A / AN with singular countable nouns. الاسماء الممكن حسابها

There is a boy.

There is an apple.

A

We use A before consonant sounds. الاصوات الصامتة او الساكنة

There is a boy.

AN

We use AN before vowel sounds. قبل حروف العلة

There is an apple.

SOME

We use SOME in AFFIRMATIVE sentences with

1. uncountable nouns. الأشياء الغير قابلة للحساب

There is some milk.

2. plural countable nouns. الأشياء القابلة للحساب والجمع

There are some books.

Exception: We use SOME in INTERROGATIVE sentences when

1. OFFERING العرض

Would you like some bread?

2. REQUESTING الطلب

Can I have some water?

ANY

We use ANY in NEGATIVE and INTERROGATIVE sentences with

1. uncountable nouns

There isn't any milk.

Is there any milk?

2. plural countable nouns

There aren't any books.

Are there any books?

Look at the picture and make sentences using a/an, some and any and the nouns below



- **Poultry farming** is the practice of raising poultry, such as chickens, **turkeys**, **ducks**, and **geese**, as a subcategory of animal husbandry, for the purpose of farming **meat** or **eggs** for food.
- More than 50 billion **chickens** are reared annually as a source of food, for both their meat and their eggs. Chickens farmed for meat are called **broilers**, whilst those farmed for eggs are called **egg-laying hens**. In total, the UK alone consumes over 29 million eggs per day. Some hens can produce over 300 eggs a year. Chickens will naturally live for 6 or more years. After 12 months, the hen's productivity will start to decline. This is when most commercial laying hens are slaughtered.
- The majority of poultry are raised using intensive farming techniques. According to the Worldwatch Institute, 74 percent of the world's poultry meat, and 68 percent of eggs are produced this way. One alternative to intensive poultry farming is free range farming.
- Friction between these two main methods has led to long term issues of **ethical consumerism**. Opponents of intensive farming argue that it harms the environment and creates health risks, as well as abusing the animals themselves. Advocates of intensive farming say that their highly efficient systems save land and food resources due to increased productivity, stating that the animals are looked after in state-of-the-art environmentally controlled facilities. A few countries have banned **cage system housing**, including Sweden and Switzerland. **Consumers** can still purchase lower cost eggs from other countries' intensive poultry farms.

Practices

- ✓ Describe the uses of A or Any.
- ✓ Categorize using of Any and Some in English sentences.

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