

## Unit 56: MASS & UNIT IN SENTENCES

Different words go with different types of noun. Sometimes we use the same word with plural nouns and mass nouns (1 below), and sometimes we use different words (2 below).

### *Unit nouns*

#### SINGULAR

**1**

I want **an** apple.

I don't want **an** apple.

It's **an** apple.

**A** good apple is expensive.

#### PLURAL

I want **some** apples.

I don't want **any** apples.

They're apples.

Good apples are expensive.

### *Mass nouns*

I want **some** fruit.

I don't want **any** fruit.

It's fruit.

Good fruit is expensive.

**2**

**This** apple...

**That** apple...

**These** apples...

**Those** apples...

How **many** apples  
have you got?

I don't have **many** apples.

They only have a  
**few** apples.

**This** fruit...

**That** fruit...

How **much** fruit have you got?

I don't have **much** fruit.

They only have a **little** fruit.

**NOTICE:** Mass nouns use singular verbs and the singular pronoun. For example, we say:

**Where is** the money?

NOT *Where are the money*

**It is** in the bank.

NOT *They are in the bank*

The news **is** good.

NOT *The news are good*

**NOTICE:** There is a list of important mass nouns in Unit 47.