



UNIT 6A · GENERAL A1

There's a café near here

Class Book and Workbook · one complete unit

By the end you will...

- Talk about food and drink at home and in the street
- Use 'there is / there are' to describe what's around you
- Ask questions with 'Is there...? / Are there...?'
- Use 'some' in positive sentences and 'any' in questions and negatives
- Describe what food is in the fridge, the kitchen or a street market

Warm-up · What's in your kitchen?

Think about your kitchen at home. Answer with short sentences.

- Name three things in your fridge right now.
- Is there a market near your home?
- What food do you always have at home?

1. Lead-in · One or a lot?

Read the two groups. Say the words. Then add two of your favourite foods to the correct group.

- an apple
- two eggs
- three bananas
- a sandwich
- some tomatoes
- rice
- water
- cheese
- bread
- coffee

Say one sentence with 'There is...' and one with 'There are...' about your kitchen.

2. Reading · A street with good food

There's a small street near my house with a lot of good food. There's a bakery on the corner. In the morning, there is fresh bread and there are always warm croissants.

There's also a café next to the bakery. There isn't a big menu, but there is good coffee and there are some sandwiches. It's a quiet place to sit and read.

At the end of the street, there's a market on Saturdays. There are apples, tomatoes and onions from local farms. There isn't a supermarket on this street, but you don't need one — you can find everything here.

Comprehension

What is on the corner?

What does the café have?

When is the market?

2b. Words in the texts

Match the word with the meaning.

- bakery
a shop that sells bread and cakes
- fresh
new, not old, made recently
- market
an outdoor place where people sell food
- local farm
a farm near your town

2c. Talk about the texts

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Is there a street like this near your home?
Answer key: Model: Yes, there is a small street with a bakery and a café near my home.
- What is your favourite thing to buy at a market?
Answer key: Model: My favourite thing is fresh tomatoes and cheese.

Street Markets: Why People Still Love Them

Source: Apex English · graded news-style report · Original text written for Apex English (A1 graded reader)

A short report about why street markets are still popular today.

In many cities, there are big supermarkets on every street. But street markets are still very popular. Why do people still go there?

'There is fresh food every day,' says Rosa, a market seller. 'There are vegetables from local farms, not from far away.' Customers also like the people. 'At the market, there are friendly sellers,' says one customer. 'At the supermarket, there aren't many people to talk to.'

Markets are also often cheaper for fruit and vegetables. There isn't a big building, so prices are lower. For many families, the local market is still the best place for fresh food and a little conversation.

1. READ FOR GIST

- What is the text about?
Answer key: Why street markets are still popular even with big supermarkets nearby.
- What do customers like about markets?
Answer key: Fresh food, friendly sellers and lower prices.

2. READ FOR DETAIL

- Where does the vegetable come from at the market?
Answer key: From local farms, not from far away.
- What does Rosa do?
Answer key: She is a market seller.
- Why are markets often cheaper?
Answer key: There isn't a big building, so prices are lower.
- What do families find at the market, besides food?
Answer key: A little conversation with friendly sellers.

3. GLOSSARY

seller

a person who sells things at a market

local farm

a farm near the city or town

cheaper

costing less money

conversation

talking with another person

4. DISCUSS IN PAIRS

- Do you prefer markets or supermarkets? Why?
- Is there a market near your home? What do they sell?

3. Vocabulary · Food and places to eat

SET A

bakery

a shop with bread, cakes and croissants

market

an outdoor place with fruit, vegetables and more

café

a small place for coffee and light food

supermarket

a big shop with everything

menu

the list of food and drink in a restaurant

fresh / frozen

opposite words for food quality

SET B

Is there a café near here?

ask about one thing

Are there any apples?

ask about more than one thing

There isn't any milk.

say something is not there

There are some eggs.

say a small number is there

Practice

Complete with ONE word.

- There is a bakery on the corner.
- There are some apples in the fridge.
- Is there any milk? — No, there isn't.
- There are some sandwiches, but not many.
- The market is a place to buy fruit and vegetables outside.

3b. Where can you buy it?

Match the food with the usual place.

- croissants
a bakery
- fresh fish
a market
- frozen pizza
a supermarket
- a cup of coffee
a café
- a sandwich
a café or a bakery

4. Grammar · there is / there are, some / any**there is + singular / uncountable**

There is a café. There is some bread.

there are + plural

There are two bakeries. There are some apples.

Negative

There isn't a supermarket here. There aren't any eggs.

Questions

Is there a market? Are there any bananas?

some — positive sentences

There are some tomatoes. I'd like some water.

any — questions and negatives

Are there any apples? There isn't any milk.

Short answers

Is there any coffee? — Yes, there is. / No, there isn't.

4a. is or are?

Complete with is or are.

- There ___ a market on Saturdays.

Answer key: is

- There ___ some oranges on the table.
Answer key: are
- There ___ any cheese in the fridge.
Answer key: isn't
- ___ there any bread?
Answer key: Is
- ___ there two cafés on this street?
Answer key: Are

4b. some or any?

Complete with some or any.

- There are ___ apples in the bag.
Answer key: some
- Is there ___ milk?
Answer key: any
- There isn't ___ coffee left.
Answer key: any
- I'd like ___ water, please.
Answer key: some
- There aren't ___ eggs in the fridge.
Answer key: any

4c. Write full sentences

Write a sentence with there is/are and the words given.

- café / near the station (positive)
Answer key: There is a café near the station.
- vegetables / in the market (positive)
Answer key: There are some vegetables in the market.
- supermarket / on this street (negative)
Answer key: There isn't a supermarket on this street.
- apples / in the fridge (question)
Answer key: Are there any apples in the fridge?

Look at the picture and use the grammar you just studied

Look at the picture. Write 4–5 sentences. Use 'there is/are', 'some' and 'any'.

5. Listening · What's in the kitchen?

Leo calls his flatmate Zara from the supermarket. Listen for what is and isn't at home.

Two voices — no narrator introduction.

Before you listen

- What do you check before you go shopping?
- What food do people often forget to buy?

First listen — gist

- Where is Leo?
Answer key: He's at the supermarket.
- Why does he call Zara?
Answer key: To ask what food is at home.

Second listen — detail

- Is there any milk at home?
Answer key: No, there isn't any milk.
- Are there any eggs?
Answer key: Yes, there are some eggs, but only two.
- What food does Zara want?
Answer key: She wants some fruit and some bread.
- Is there any coffee?
Answer key: Yes, there is a lot of coffee.

5b. Useful language

Match the phrase with the use.

- Is there any...?
ask if something is there
- We need some...
say what you want to buy
- We've got a lot of...
say there is a big quantity
- Don't forget...
remind someone about something

6. Speaking · There's a café near here

Work in pairs. Ask and answer with there is/are and some/any.

- In this city
A: Ask: 'Is there a good café near here?'
B: Answer and describe the place: 'Yes, there is. There are...'
- At home
A: Ask what food is in your partner's fridge.
B: Answer with some/any: 'There's some... but there isn't any...'

6b. Talk together

Ask and answer in pairs.

- Is there a market near your home?
- What is always in your fridge?
- Is there a good bakery in your neighbourhood?
- Are there many cafés in your city?

6c. Mini presentation · My street

Talk for one minute about the street where you live.

- Say if there is a bakery or a market
- Say if there is a café

- Say what food or shops there are
- Say one thing there isn't
- Say your favourite place on the street

7. Writing · My kitchen or my street

Write 40–50 words about your kitchen or your street. Use 'there is/are' and both 'some' and 'any'.
Finish with one sentence about your favourite food place.

WORKBOOK · HOME PRACTICE

Unit 6A Workbook

Do this after class. Answers are marked for your teacher.

1. Vocabulary gap-fill

Complete each sentence with ONE word from the box.

- I buy bread every morning at the bakery.
- There is a market with fruit and vegetables every Saturday.
- This fish is very fresh — it's from today.
- Can I see the menu, please?
- I buy all my food at the big supermarket near my house.
- We had a coffee at a small café near the station.
- This pizza is frozen — put it in the oven.

2. is or are?

Complete with is or are.

- There ___ a café on this street.
Answer key: is
- There ___ some bananas in the bowl.
Answer key: are
- ___ there a market on Sundays?
Answer key: Is
- There ___ two bakeries near my house.
Answer key: are
- ___ there any eggs?
Answer key: Are
- There ___ some milk in the fridge.
Answer key: is
- There ___ no supermarket on this street.
Answer key: is

3. some or any?

Choose the correct word.

There are ___ apples on the table.

Is there ___ bread left?

There isn't ___ milk in the fridge.

I'd like ___ water, please.

Are there ___ tomatoes at the market?

There are ___ eggs, but only two.

4. Find and fix the mistake

Each sentence has ONE mistake. Write it correctly.

- There are a market near here.
Answer key: There is a market near here.
- Is there some coffee?
Answer key: Is there any coffee?

- There isn't some bread.
Answer key: There isn't any bread.
- There is two cafés on this street.
Answer key: There are two cafés on this street.
- There are some apple in the bag.
Answer key: There are some apples in the bag.
- Are there a bakery near your house?
Answer key: Is there a bakery near your house?

5. Listening · What's in the shop?

Three people describe a shop or market near their home. Listen for what there is and isn't.

- Speaker 1: what is near his house?
Answer key: There is a small bakery with fresh bread every morning.
- Speaker 2: what isn't there on her street?
Answer key: There isn't a supermarket, only small shops.
- Speaker 3: what is there on Saturdays?
Answer key: There is a big market with fruit and vegetables.

6. Writing · Food near me

Write 40–50 words about the food shops or market near your home. Use 'there is/are' and both 'some' and 'any'.

7. Reflection

Answer in one or two sentences.

- Is 'some' or 'any' more difficult for you? Give one example.
Answer key: Model: 'Any' is more difficult for me. I sometimes say 'some' in questions by mistake.
- Write three things there are, and one thing there isn't, near your home.
Answer key: Model: There is a bakery, a café and a market. There isn't a big supermarket.