

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition. It features a dark blue base with a fine grid of small white dots. Overlaid on this are several large, organic shapes in bright colors: a large pink shape on the left, a yellow shape at the bottom, and a green shape on the right. These shapes are decorated with various patterns: white wavy lines, small white dots, and white plus signs. A large, light blue circle on the right side contains the text. The overall style is modern and playful.

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Countable and uncountable nouns

What is teacher
wearing?

She is wearing



- What are you wearing?

you / wearing/ ?/ Are/ shorts

Yes, I am wearing shorts. It's really hot here.

No, I am not wearing shorts.

Are _____ ?

shoes or sneakers

a belt

a skirt or a dress

trousers or pants

Countable and uncountable nouns

Some nouns are called **COUNTABLE NOUNS**.

They can be preceded by **a/an** or one.

Examples:

A chair.

One chair.

They have a plural form: **-s or -es**.

Examples:

Chairs

Two chairs

Three chairs

Some chairs

Several chairs

Many chairs

A few chairs

Some nouns are called **uncountable nouns**.

They are NOT immediately preceded by a/an or one.

They do NOT have a plural form (no final **-s** is added).

Examples:

Furniture

Some furniture

A lot of furniture

Much furniture

A little furniture

The words: two, some, a lot of, etc. are expressions of quantity.

- Uncountable nouns usually refer to a whole group of things that is made up of many individual parts, a whole category made up of different varieties. For example, some common uncountable nouns are **clothing**, furniture, mail, money, fruit, and jewelry.

Countable nouns	Uncountable nouns
Apples	Examples:
Two apples	Fruit
Three apples	Some fruit
Some apples	A lot of fruit
Several apples	Much fruit
Many apples	A little fruit
A few apples	

Practice #1

Countable nouns (individual parts of the group)

- *
- *
- *
- *
- *
- *
- *

Uncountable nouns (whole category)

Clothing

Practice #2

Countable nouns (individual parts of the group)

- *
- *
- *
- *
- *
- *
- *

Uncountable nouns (whole category)

Food



Be careful of the form of the verb (singular/plural) that you need to use.

What is the correct option?

There (is/are) a lot of fruit on the table.

There (is/are) a lot of vegetables on the table.

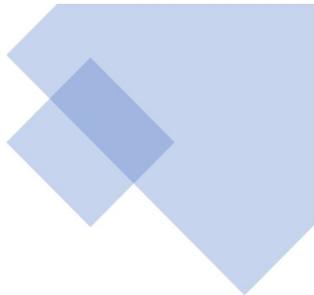
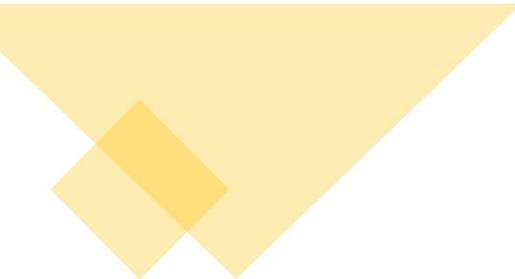


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What is the correct option?

There **is** a lot of fruit on the table.

There **are** a lot of vegetables on the table.



What is the mistake here?

This morning I ate a couple of
pancake for breakfast.

This morning I drank a cup of
teas for breakfast.



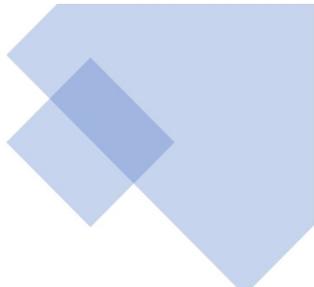


A couple = two.

Pancakes is a countable nouns, so you can count one pancake, two pancakes.

Tea is uncountable.

It does not have a plural form.



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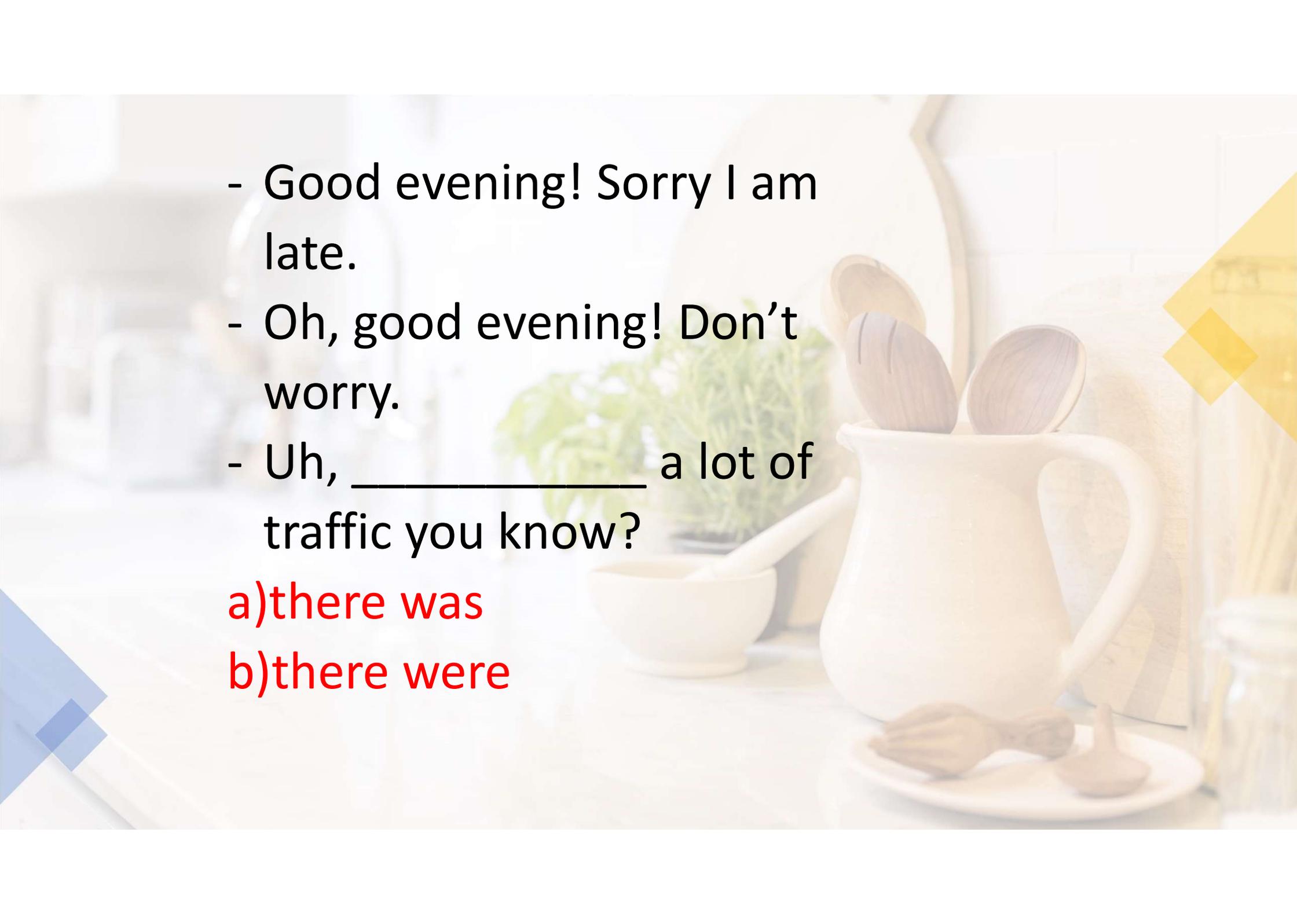
This morning I ate a couple of **pancakes** for breakfast.

This morning I drank a cup of **tea** for breakfast.



• Paul and Maggie are in a restaurant. Choose the correct option to complete their conversation.



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- Good evening! Sorry I am late.
 - Oh, good evening! Don't worry.
 - Uh, _____ a lot of traffic you know?

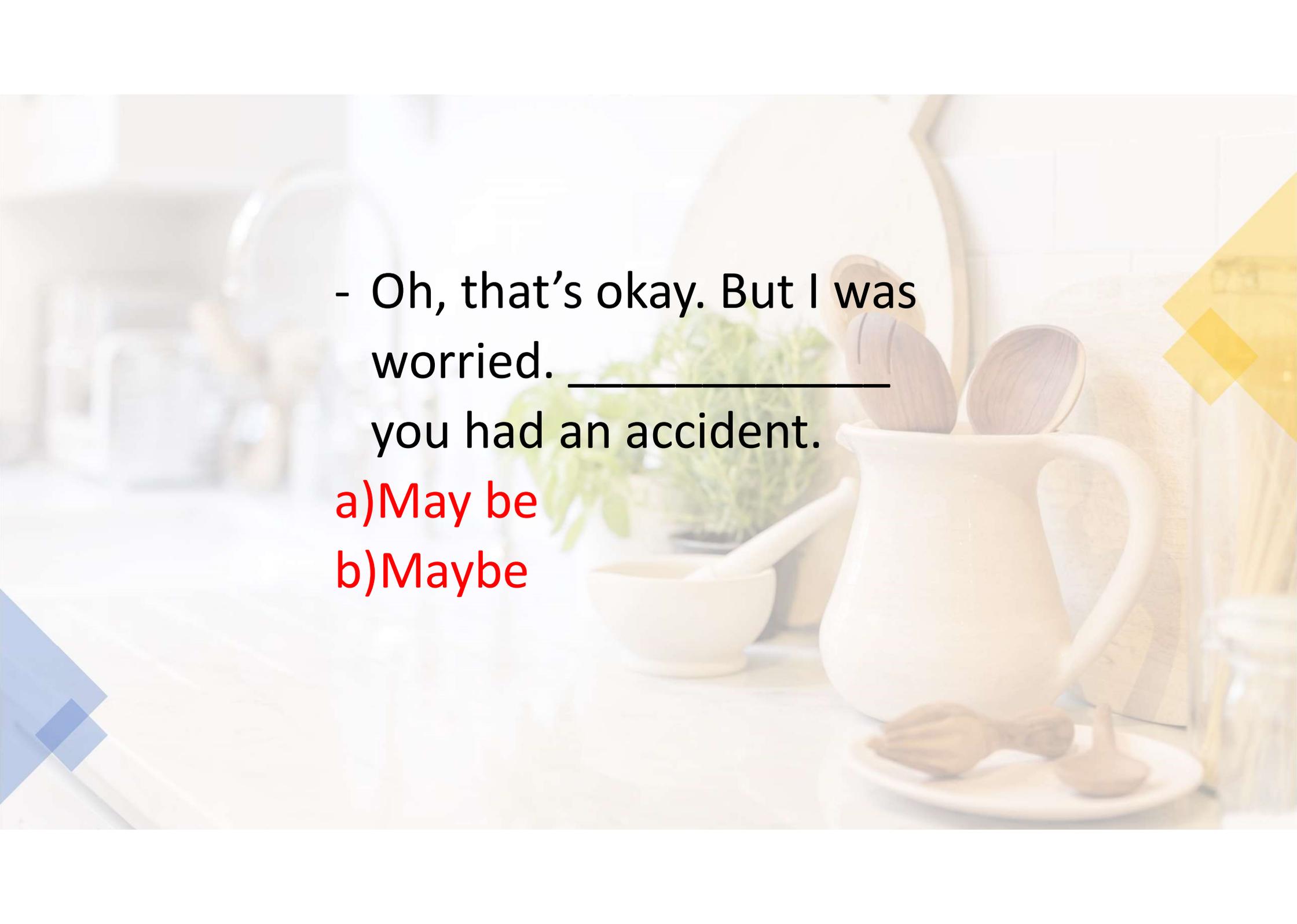
a)there was

b)there were

- 
- Good evening! Sorry I am late.
 - Oh, good evening! Don't worry.
 - Uh, **there was** a lot of traffic you know?

a)there was

b)there were

A kitchen scene with a white pitcher, a mortar and pestle, and a small bowl on a countertop. The background is blurred, showing a sink and a window. There are decorative geometric shapes in the corners: a yellow one in the top right and a blue one in the bottom left.

- Oh, that's okay. But I was worried. _____
you had an accident.

a) May be

b) Maybe



- Oh, that's okay. But I was worried. **Maybe** you had an accident.

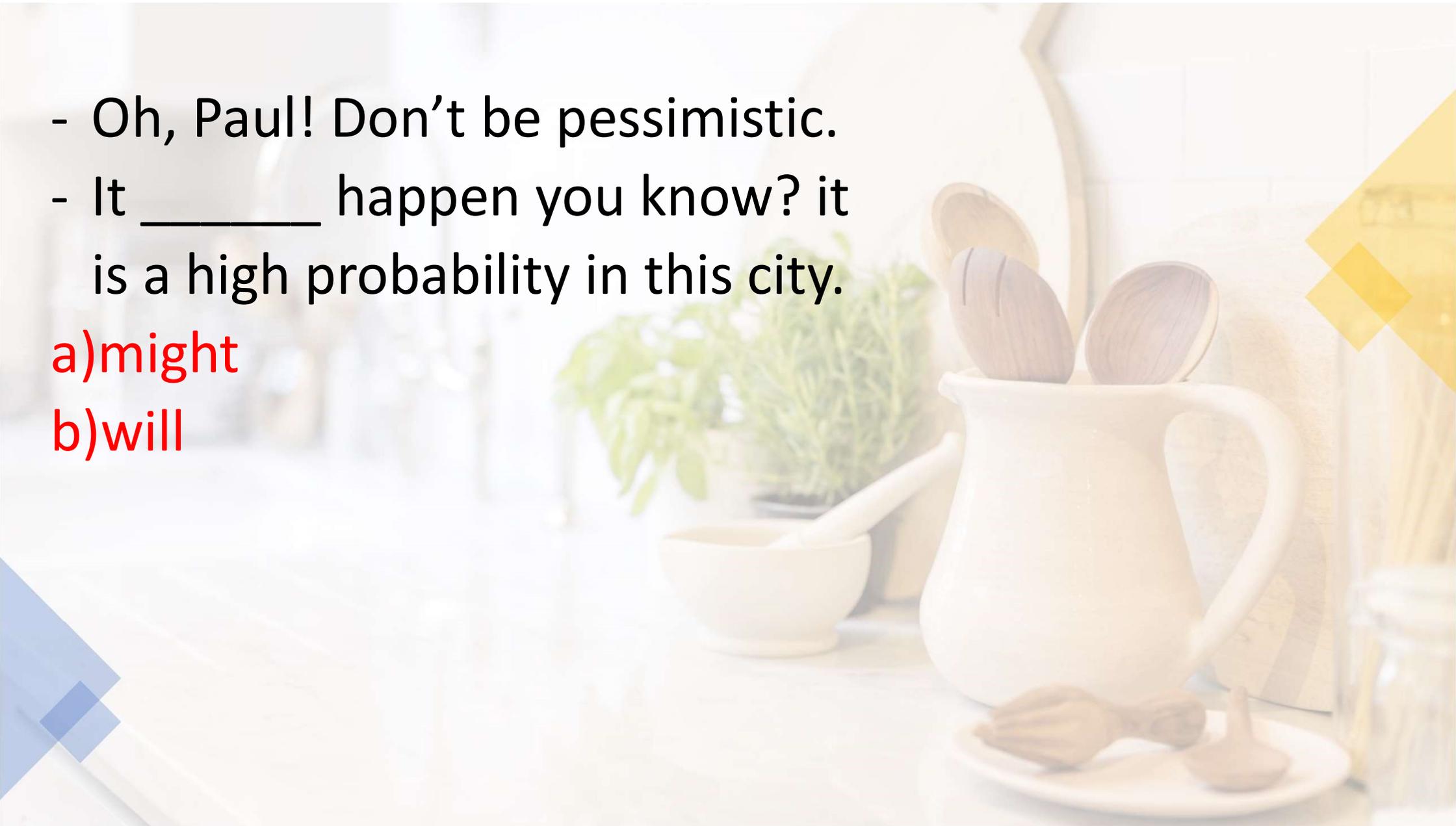
a) **May be**

b) **Maybe**

- Oh, Paul! Don't be pessimistic.
- It _____ happen you know? it is a high probability in this city.

a) might

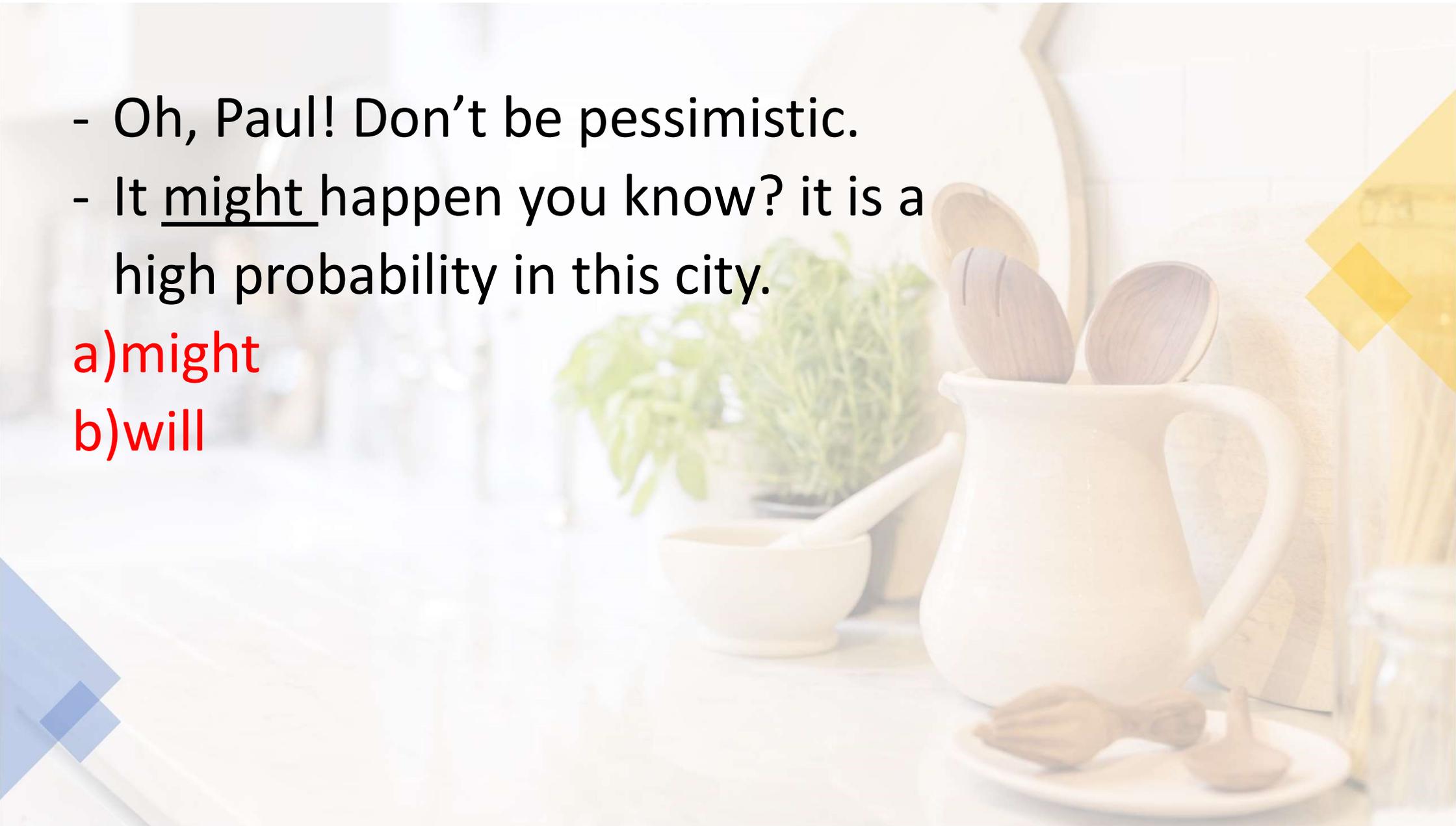
b) will

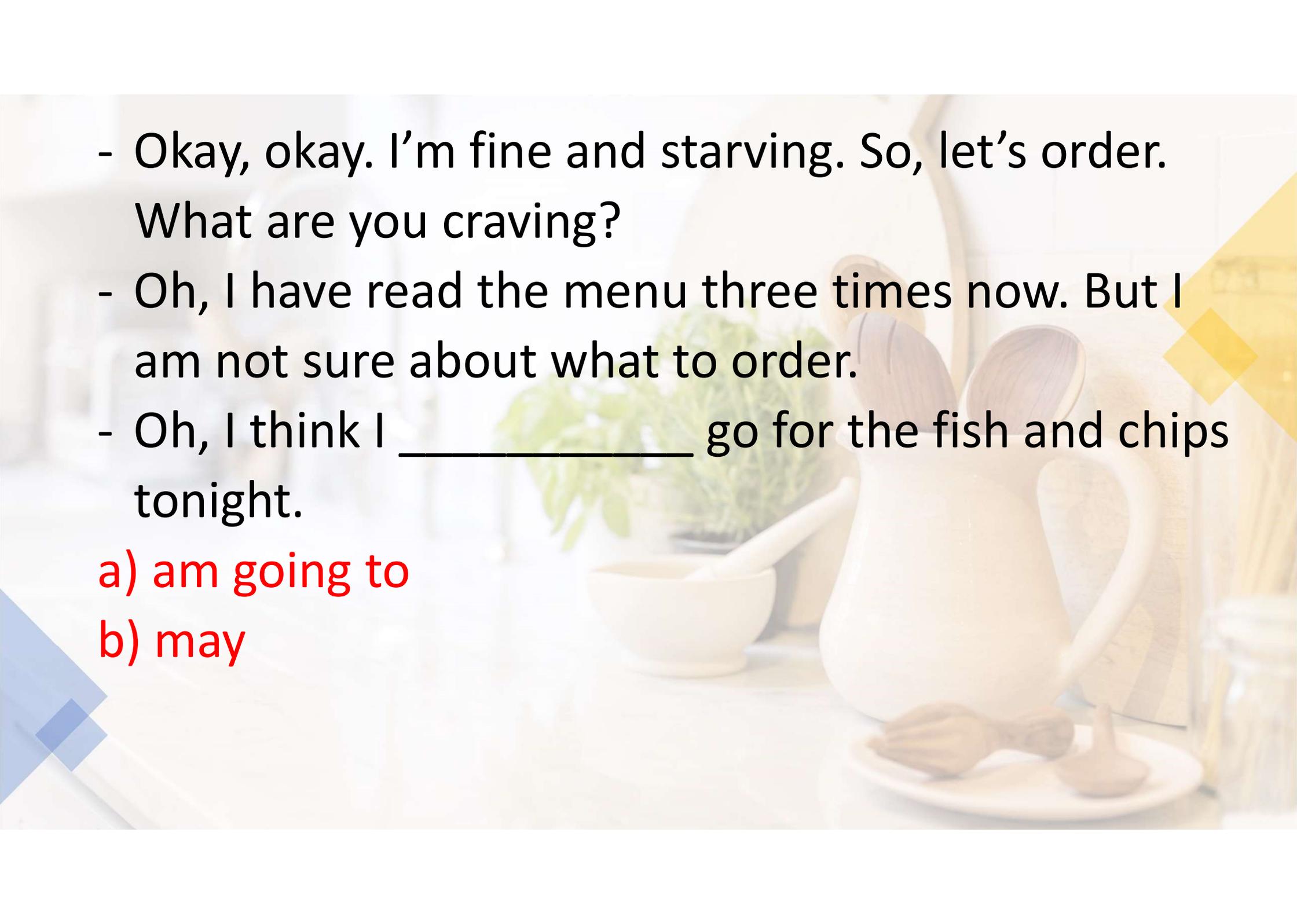


- Oh, Paul! Don't be pessimistic.
- It might happen you know? it is a high probability in this city.

a) might

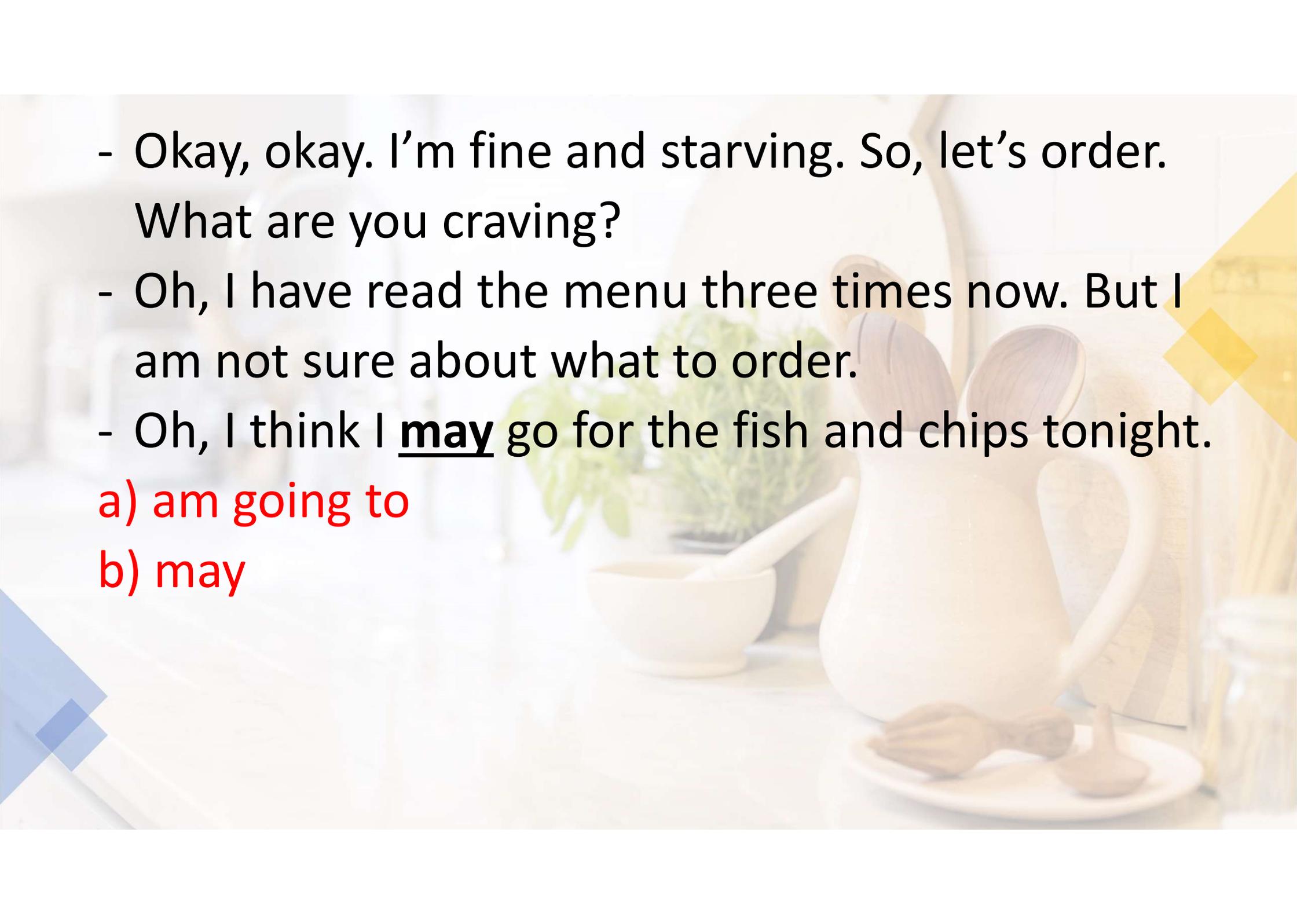
b) will



- 
- Okay, okay. I'm fine and starving. So, let's order. What are you craving?
 - Oh, I have read the menu three times now. But I am not sure about what to order.
 - Oh, I think I _____ go for the fish and chips tonight.

a) am going to

b) may

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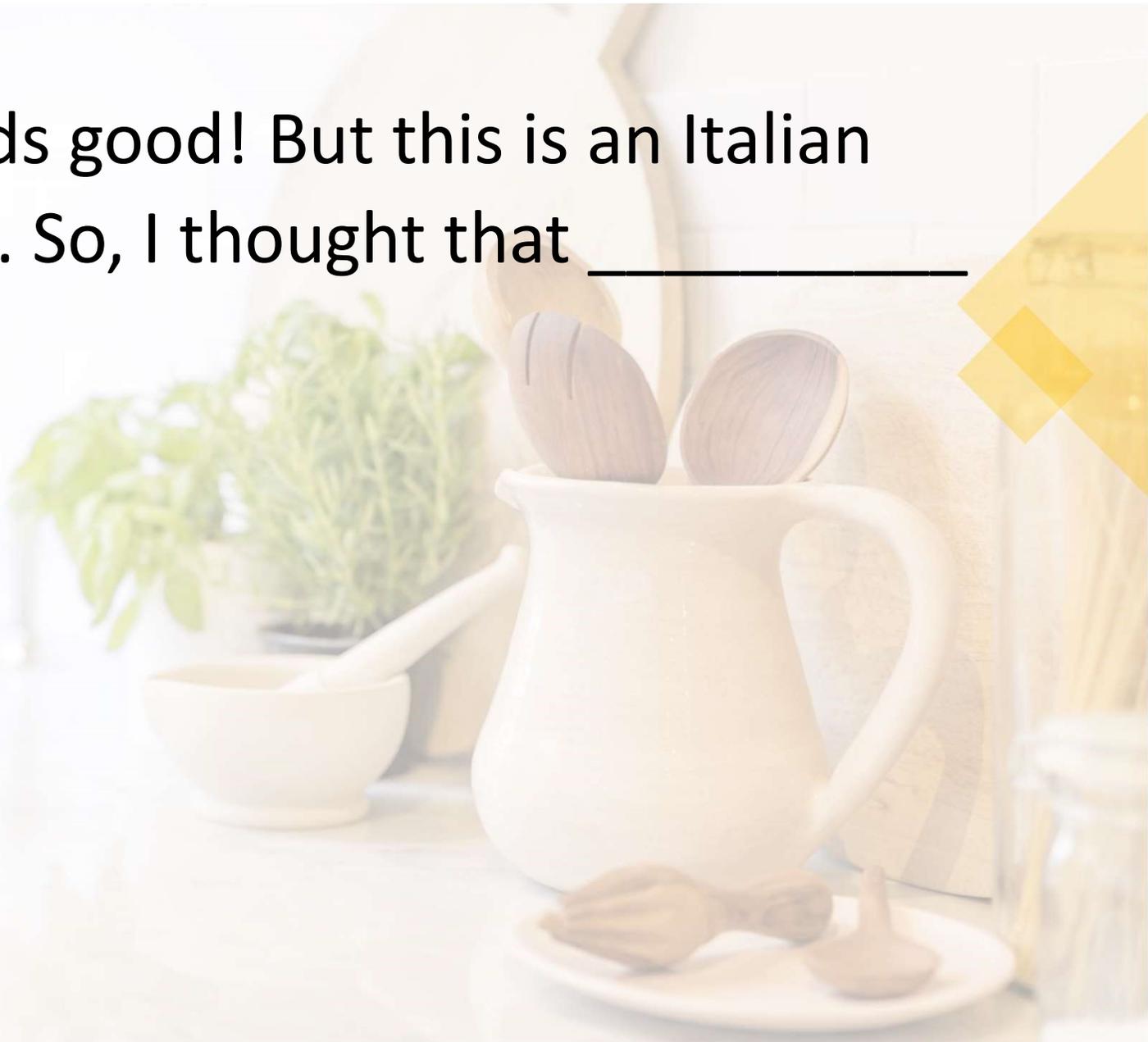
b) may

- That sounds good! But this is an Italian restaurant. So, I thought that _____ of pizza...

- Oh, pizza!

a) a piece

b) a slice



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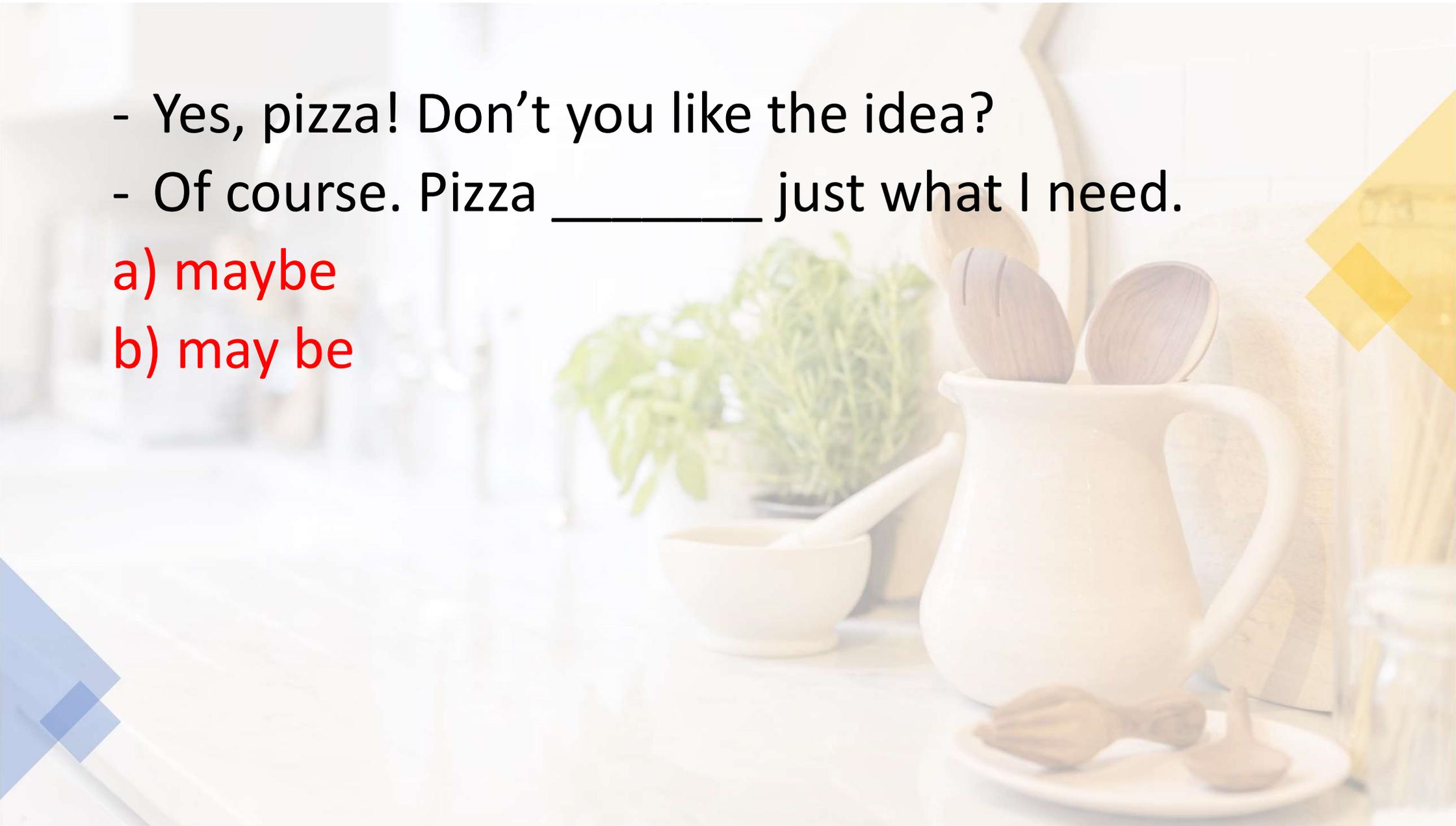
b) a slice



- Yes, pizza! Don't you like the idea?
- Of course. Pizza _____ just what I need.

a) maybe

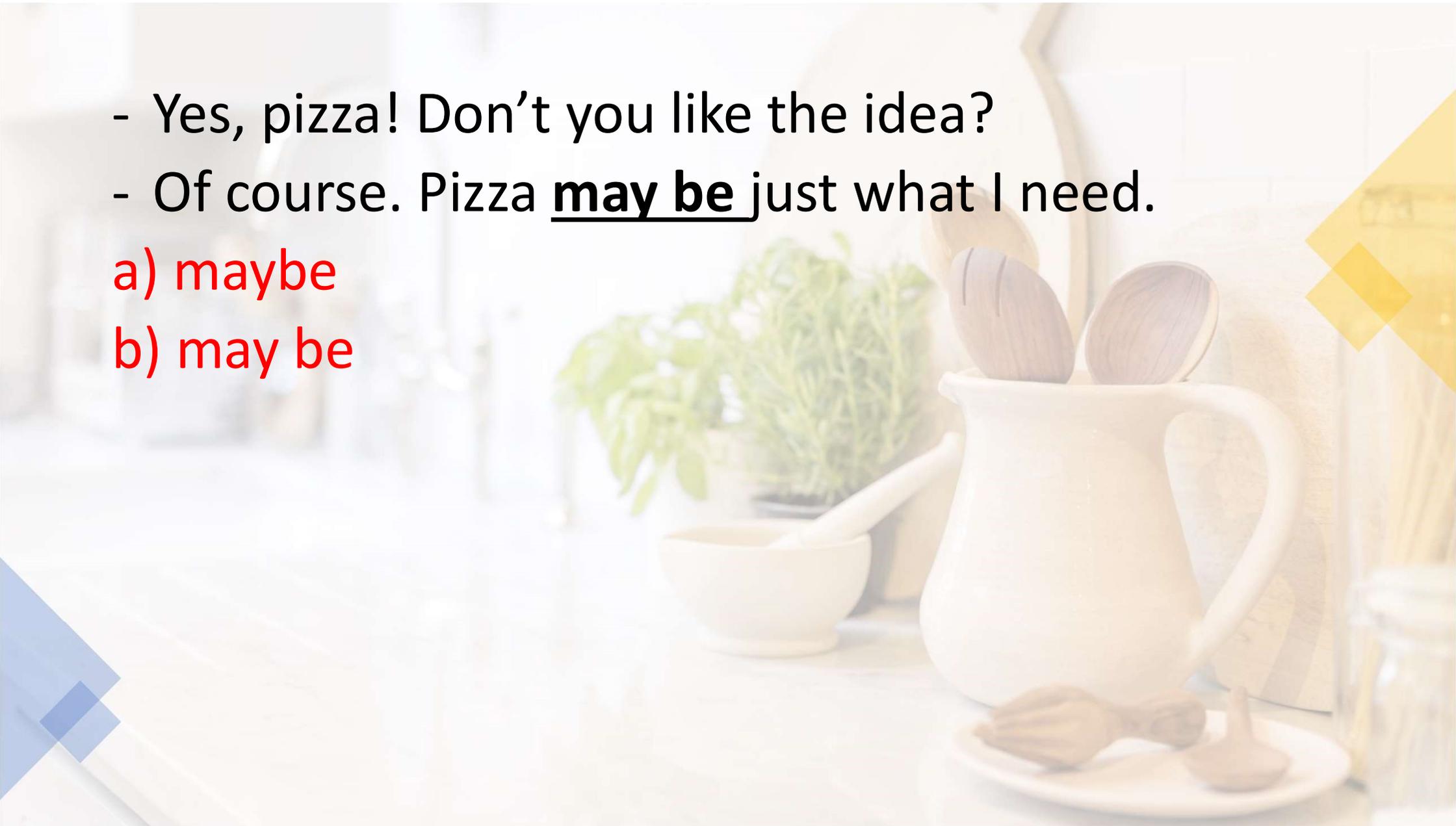
b) may be



- Yes, pizza! Don't you like the idea?
- Of course. Pizza may be just what I need.

a) maybe

b) may be



- Pizza it is then.
- Oh, yes with lots of

_____.

- a) mushrooms
- b) muchrooms



- Pizza it is then.
- Oh, yes with lots of **mushrooms**.

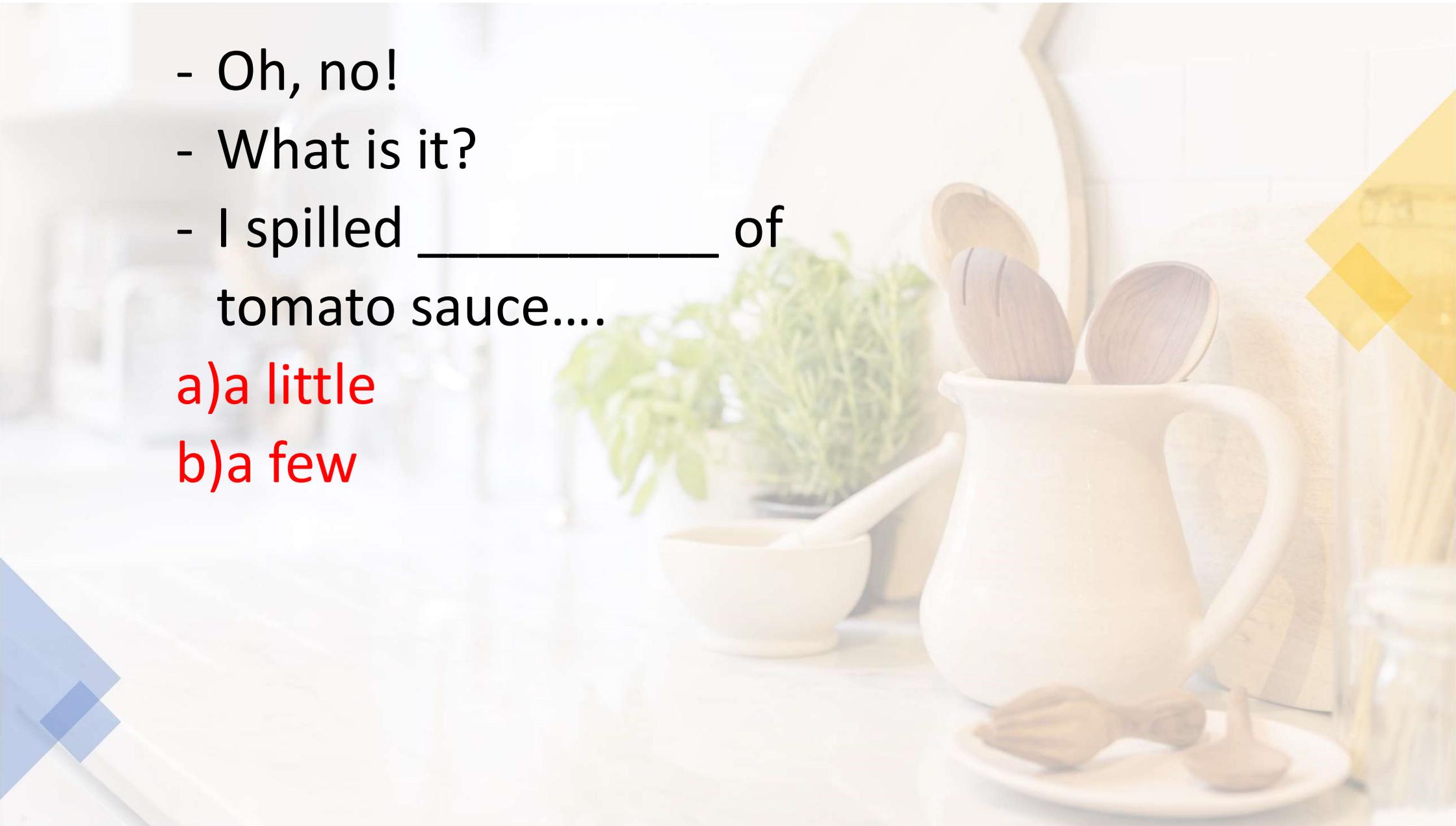
- a) mushrooms
- b) muchrooms



- Oh, no!
- What is it?
- I spilled _____ of
tomato sauce....

a) a little

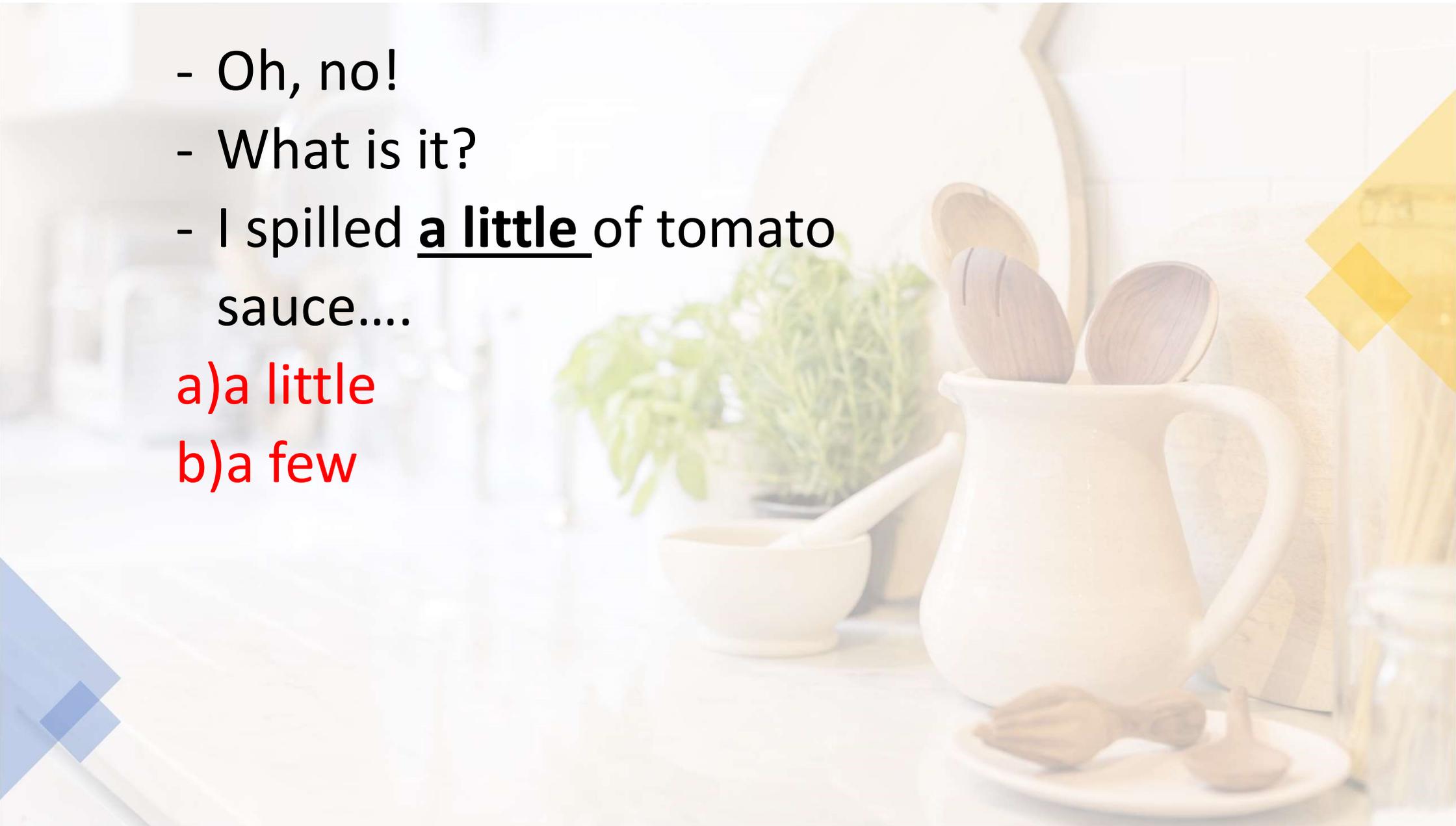
b) a few



- Oh, no!
- What is it?
- I spilled **a little** of tomato sauce....

a) a little

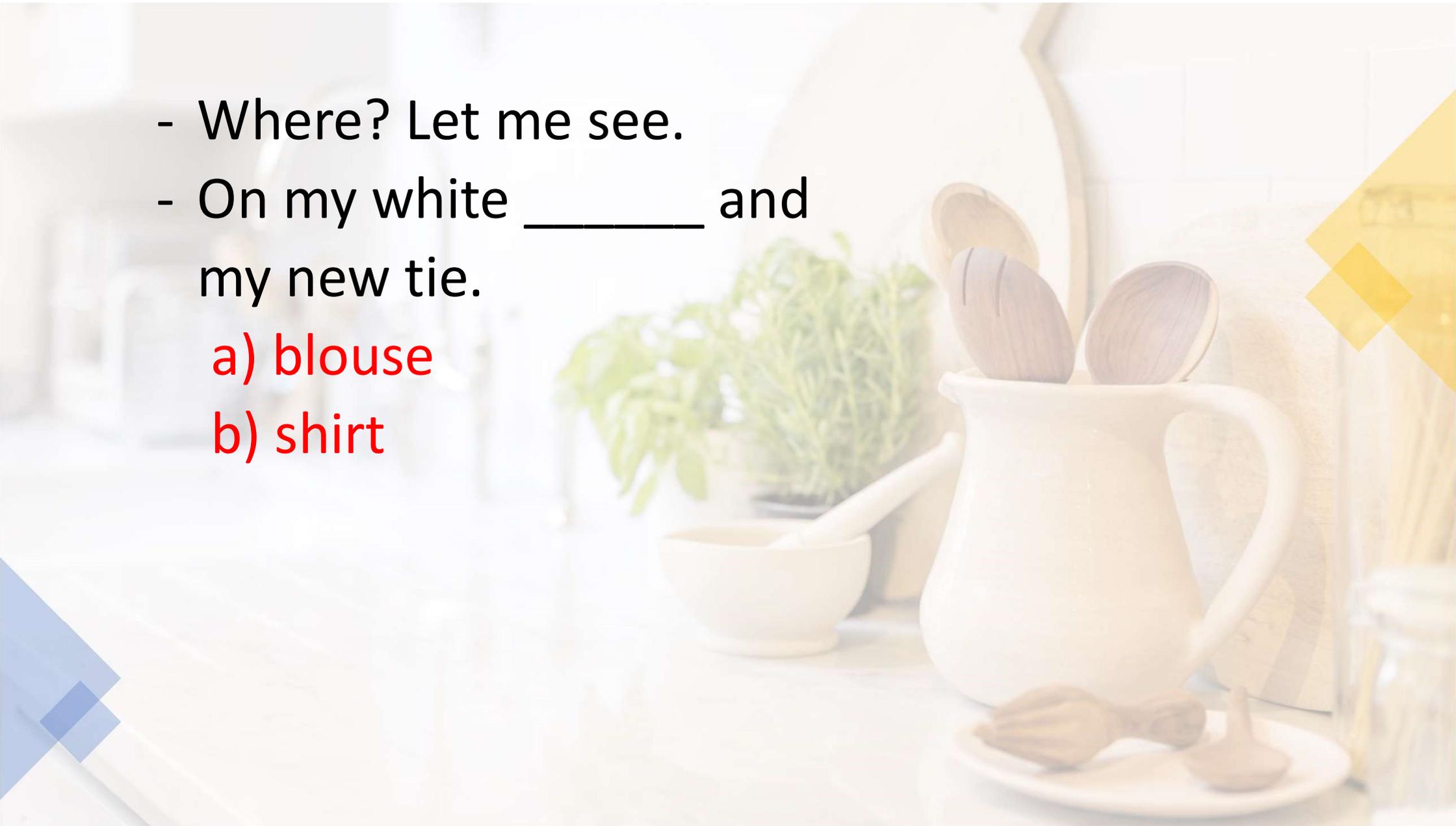
b) a few



- Where? Let me see.
- On my white _____ and my new tie.

a) blouse

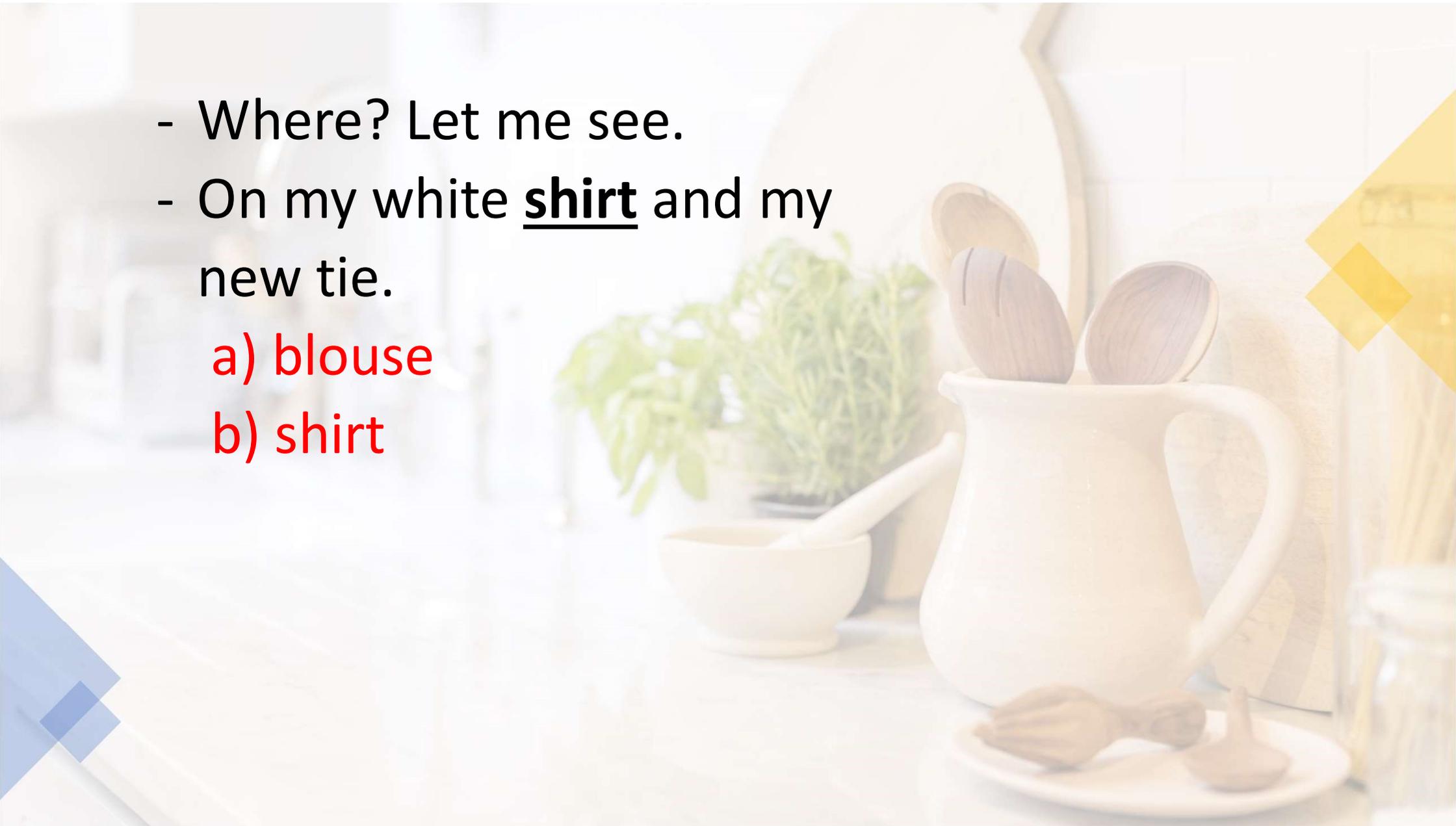
b) shirt

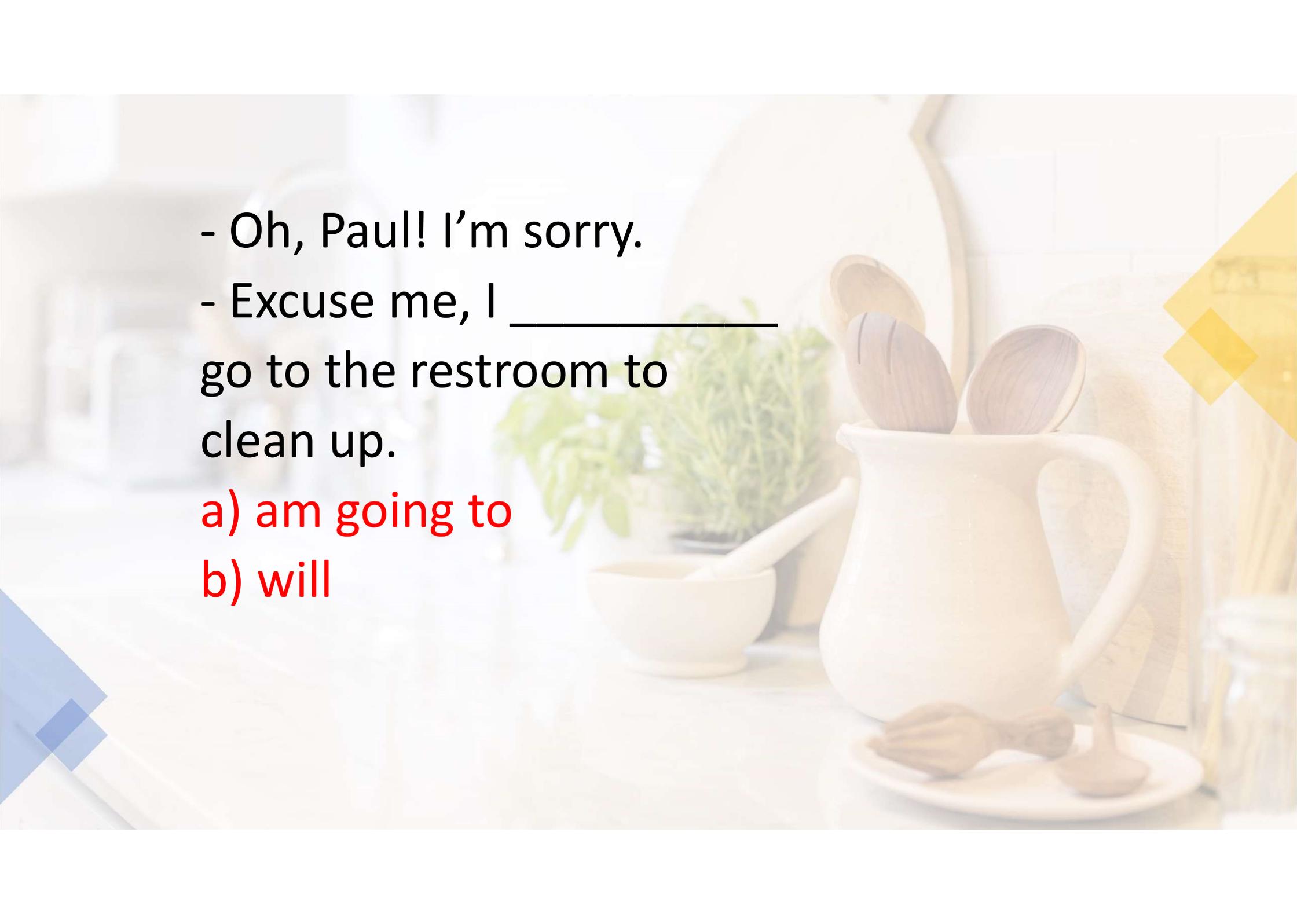


- Where? Let me see.
- On my white shirt and my new tie.

a) blouse

b) shirt



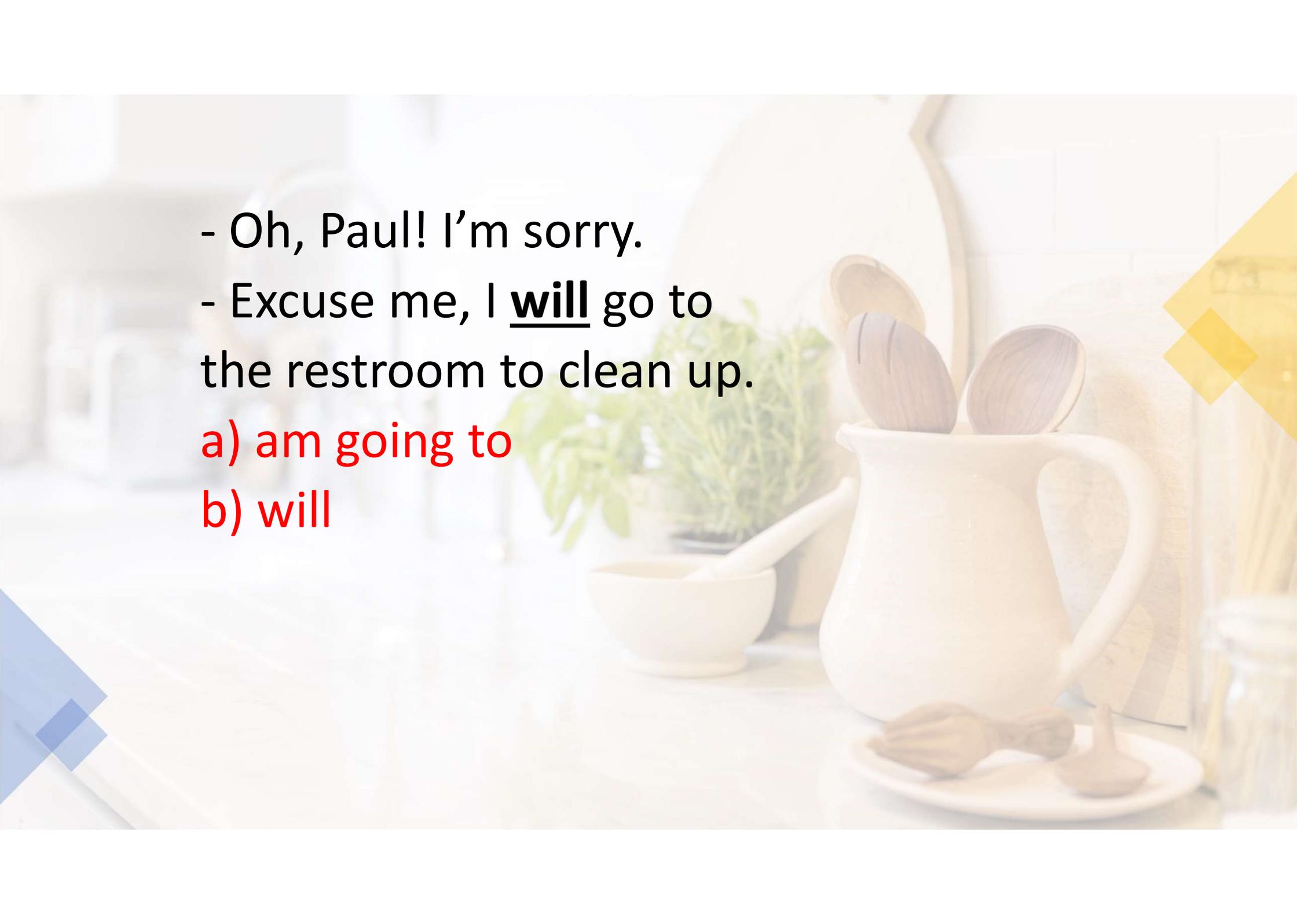


- Oh, Paul! I'm sorry.

- Excuse me, I _____
go to the restroom to
clean up.

a) am going to

b) will

- 
- Oh, Paul! I'm sorry.
 - Excuse me, I will go to the restroom to clean up.

a) am going to

b) will

That pizza was delicious!

- I agree. Are your ready for _____
and dessert?

a) a bottle of coffee

b) a cup of coffee

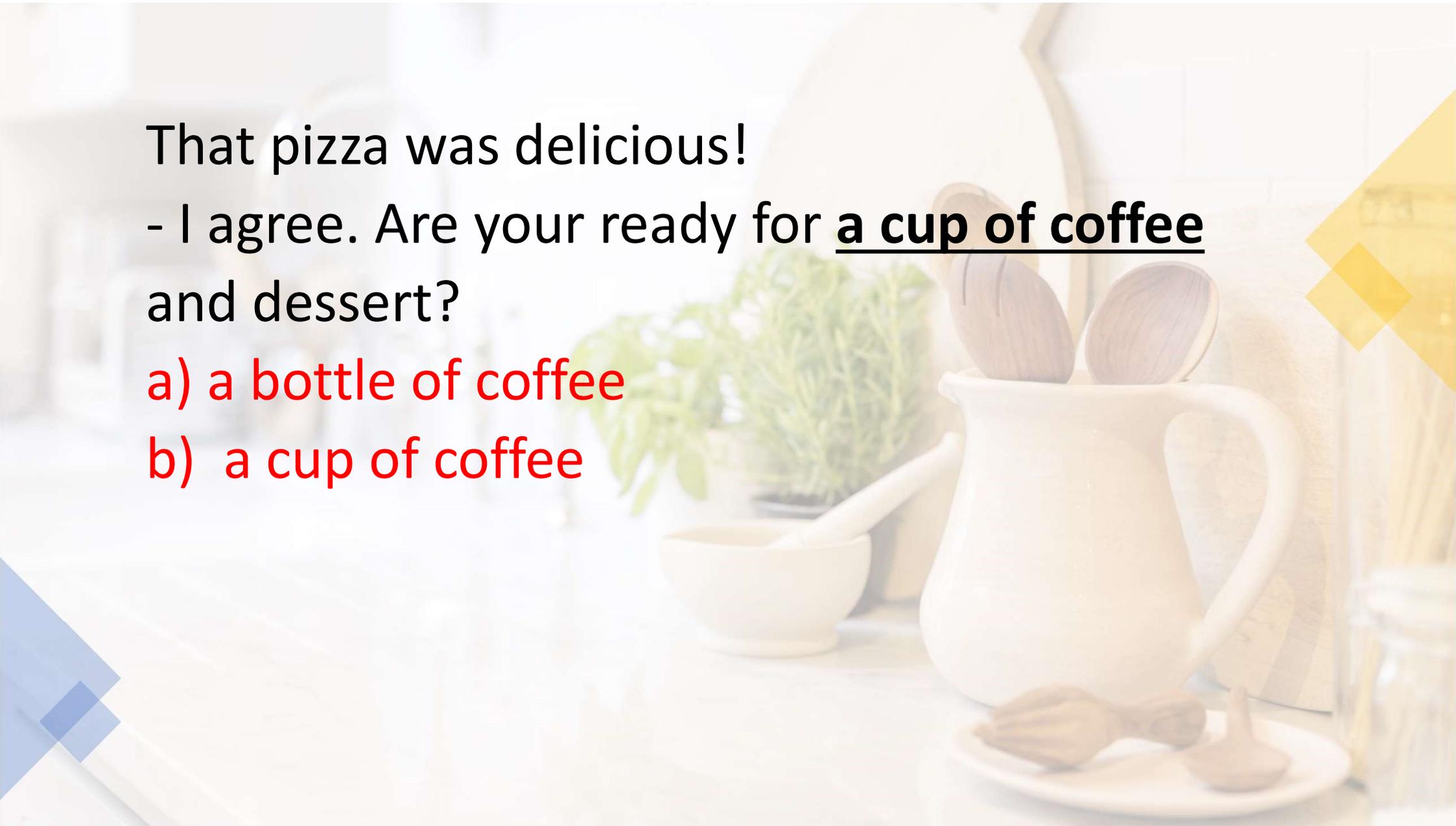


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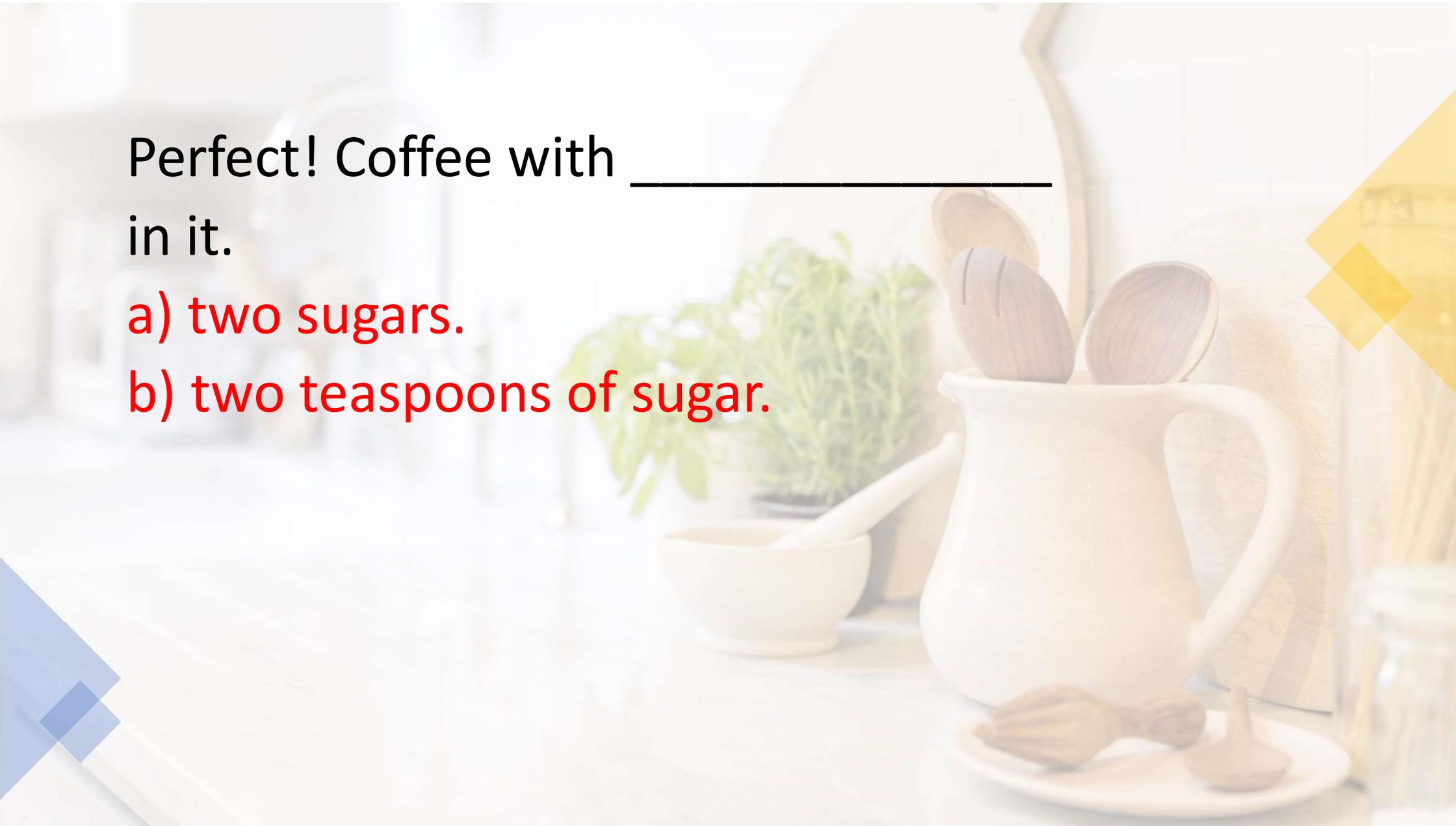
b) a cup of coffee



Perfect! Coffee with _____
in it.

a) two sugars.

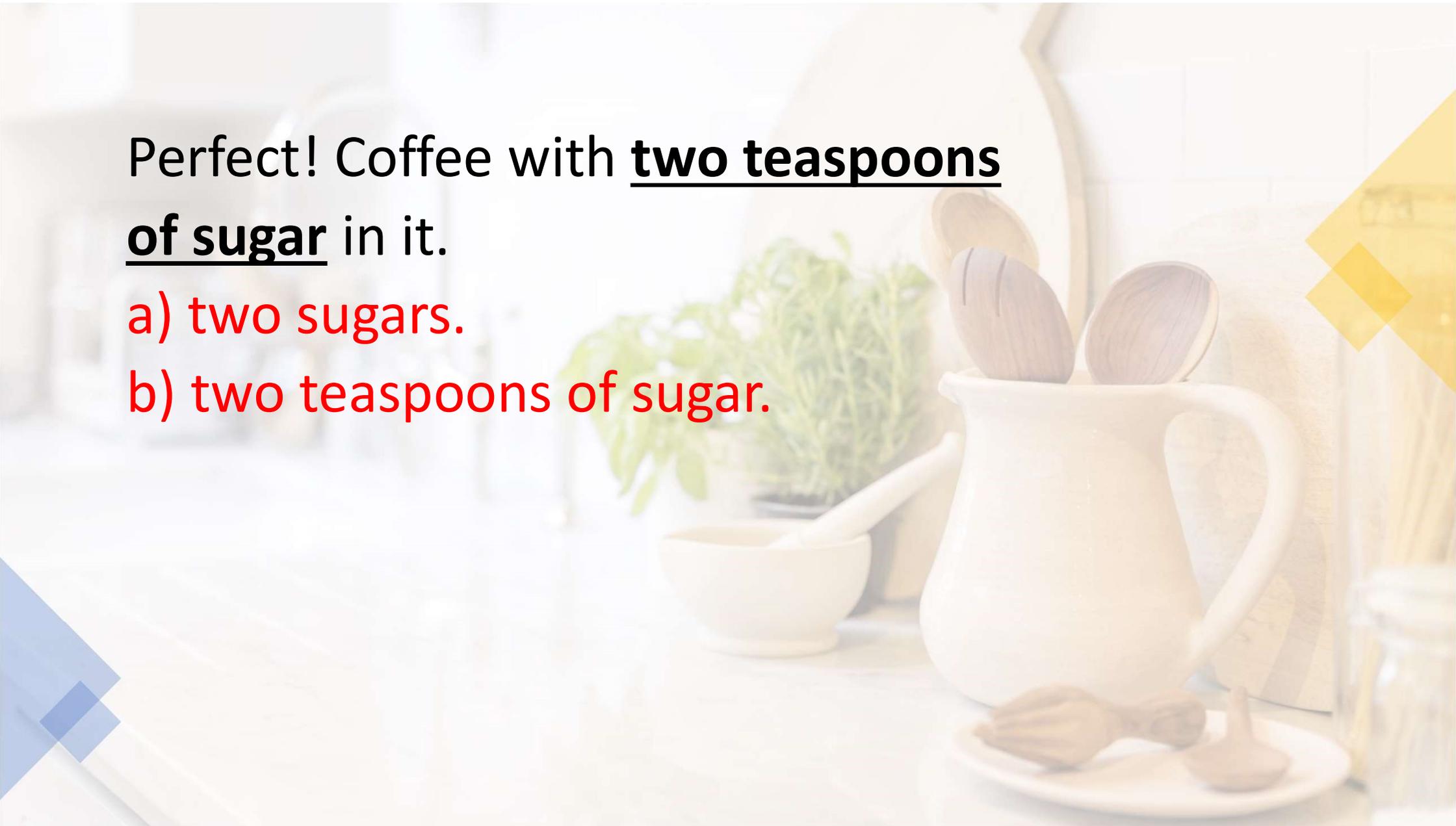
b) two teaspoons of sugar.



Perfect! Coffee with two teaspoons
of sugar in it.

a) two sugars.

b) two teaspoons of sugar.



Think about the conversation. Make some guesses and predictions. Use might or may, will or going to.

What do you think that was the relationship between Paul and Maggie?

R=

Do you think they are married?

R=

What do you think they will order for dessert?

R=

What are they going to do after dinner?

R=



- What did you eat/drink this morning?

Videos – Countable and uncountable

Watch these videos to practice this topic a bit more

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCTnesjej8g> -
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nSI-Pl9xHM> – Answer the exercise here.
- Homework
- https://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises/nouns_articles/countables.htm