


# QUANTIFIERS



much, many,  
a lot of, a little, a few

	COUNTABLE	UNCOUNTABLE	SENTENCE
LARGE QUANTITY	A LOT OF		+
	MANY	MUCH	- ?
SMALL QUANTITY	A FEW	A LITTLE	+ - ?

# MANY / MUCH

We use **many** before plural countable nouns and **much** before uncountable nouns. They are usually not used in affirmative sentences.

Were there **many** people at the show last night?

There isn't **much** sugar in the jar.

# HOW MANY / HOW MUCH

We use **how many + plural nouns** and **how much + uncountable nouns** to ask about quantity.

**How many** students attended the meeting last Friday?

**How much** sugar do you consume a day?

# A LOT OF

We use **a lot of** before both plural countable and uncountable nouns to talk about large quantity. We generally use **a lot of** in positive sentences.

She spends **a lot of** money on clothes.

They had **lots of** spare parts to build a toy car.

We can also use **quite a lot of** to talk about medium quantity.

*e.g.: She's made **quite a lot of** friends lately.*

## A LOT OF (-) (?)

It is also possible to use **a lot of** in negative sentences and questions.

Does she spend **a lot of** money on clothes?

He doesn't read **a lot of** books.

# A FEW / A LITTLE

We use **a few** for plural countable nouns and **a little** for uncountable nouns to talk about small quantity.

I need to deal with **a few** things today.

I usually put **a little** sugar in my coffee.

## EXERCISE

- I drink \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- How \_\_\_\_\_ goals did they score?
- I don't spend \_\_\_\_\_ money on transportation.
- There is \_\_\_\_\_ pressure on the players.
- They started the project \_\_\_\_\_ months after planning.
- I would like \_\_\_\_\_ milk in my coffee.
- I eat \_\_\_\_\_ fruits.



## EXERCISE (ANSWER KEY)

- I drink **a lot of** water.
- How **many** goals did they score?
- I don't spend **much** money on transportation.
- There is **a lot of** pressure on the players.
- They started the project **a few** months after planning.
- I would like **a little** milk in my coffee.
- I eat **lots of / a lot of** fruits.