

QUANTIFIERS

We use some words to denote amount of something. They are called **quantifiers**. We have two categories:

Countable

Uncountable

Countable nouns are used with certain quantifiers.

Many

A few

I have seen **many/a few** countries.

Like **many/a few** people.



While uncountable nouns
are used with certain
quantifiers.

Much

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

A little

I have **a little** money.



Some quantifiers are used with **both** countables and uncountables.

I have **a lot of/some** friends.



I have **a lot of/some** time before the meeting.



Countable

Uncountable

Any is rather used in **questions** and **negative** sentences.

Could you find **any** doctors nearby?

I couldn't find **any**.

I don't really know around here. I don't know **any** doctor.

Any



We can use any with both countables and uncountables.

Is there any **bread**?

Do you have any **pets**?

There isn't any **bread**. I don't have any **pets**.



This one is used in negative ways. But the sentence structure is positive.

I have **no** money...

No time...

No friends...

No



When we offer or request something, we use **some**.

Would you like **some** tea?

Can I have **some** water?

Let's do **some** exercise!

Some



Exercises

1. We didn't have _____ luggage – just two small bags.
2. We have _____ furniture, not even a bed or a table.
3. Do you have _____ questions?
4. Can't they just come here with _____ water?
5. If you have _____ questions, just ask.
6. I have _____ time left, I'll have to go soon.
7. They don't understand how _____ time left.
8. Look! There are _____ people at the gate.
9. If they arrive early, I will give them _____ chocolate.
10. Only _____ volunteers applied to us. We need more than that!

Answer Key

1. We didn't have **much** luggage – just two small bags.
2. We have **no** furniture, not even a bed or a table.
3. Do you have **any** questions?
4. Can't they just come here with **some** water?
5. If you have **any** questions, just ask.
6. I have **a little** time left, I'll have to go soon.
7. They don't understand how **much** time left.
8. Look! There are **a lot of** people at the gate.
9. If they arrive early, I will give them **some** chocolate.
10. Only **a few** volunteers applied to us. We need more than that!