

The use of "a lot of" and "a great deal of"

"a lot of" and "a great deal of" are both used in affirmative sentences only.

"a lot of" is used with both countable and uncountable nouns while "a great deal of" is used with uncountable nouns only.

Examples

Write ten sentences using the above structures.

1. Our school has a lot of teachers.
2. I have a lot of books in my bag.
3. Amelyn must carry a great deal of sand today.
4. There are a lot of people in the field today.
5. Elephants attract a lot of people.
6. The company had a great deal of sand.
7. Bright had a great deal of sugar.
8. We have a lot of cups at home
9. That bank had a lot of money.
10. The school has a great deal of maize.
11. Lake Victoria has a great deal of water.
12. Our teacher of English had a great deal of salt.
13. That house contains a lot of people.
14. Our school has a lot of teachers.

Activity

Write ten sentences using the above structures.

Summary table

Words which completely change from affirmative to negative or interrogative.

Positive	Negative	Interrogative
some	any	any
someone	anyone	anyone
somebody	anybody	anybody
somewhere	anywhere	anywhere
something	anything	anything
a great deal of	much	much
a lot of	many/much	many/much
a long way	far	far
a long time	long	long
already	yet	yet