

# QUANTIFIERS

- ✓ Quantifiers are words that show how much there is of something - they show quantity.

## MUCH / MANY / A LOT OF / LOTS OF

### MUCH

- ✓ is used with **uncountable nouns**, and is generally used in negative statements and questions. It's uncommon to use much in positive statements. For example:
  - *I don't have much money.*
  - *Do you have much time?*
  - *"I have much time." This sounds unusual.*

### MANY

- ✓ is used with **plural countable nouns**, and is often used in negative statements and questions. It is also used in positive statements however, but in a more formal way. For example:
  - *I don't have many apples.*
  - *Do you have many friends?*
  - *Many people come here in summer.*

**MUCH** and **MANY** can be used in affirmative statements, but give a more formal meaning. For example:

- *He has many good friends from Harvard University.*

**MUCH** and **MANY** often appear in short answers. For example:

- *Do you see your family much?*
- *No, not much.*

## A LOT OF / LOTS OF

- ✓ is used with **uncountable** and **countable** nouns, and is generally used for affirmative statements. For example:
  - *I have a lot of friends.*
  - *I have a lot of time.*
- ✓ is also used in questions, especially when you expect a positive response. Although it is often said that **MUCH** and **MANY** are used for questions, we usually use them for questions which expect a negative response. For example:
  - *Do you want a lot of pizza?* (I expect you want to eat a lot.)
  - *Do you want much pizza?* (This sounds unusual, as though I expect you don't want to eat much.)

**LOTS OF** can be used in the same way as **A LOT OF**, often in informal speech. For example:

- *I have lots of time.*
- *I have a lot of time.*

## HOW MUCH / MANY?

**HOW MUCH** is also used to ask about the price of something. For example:

- *How much is it?*
- *How much is that dog in the window?*

**HOW MUCH** and **HOW MANY** are used to ask about quantity. For example:

- *How much money do you have?*
- *How many apples does he have?*

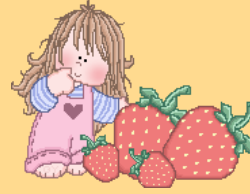


### AS A SUMMARY:

	AFFIRMATIVE	INTERROGATIVE	NEGATIVE
COUNTABLE	<i>a lot of lots of</i>	<i>(how) many</i>	<i>many</i>
UNCOUNTABLE	<i>a lot of lots of</i>	<i>(how) much</i>	<i>much</i>

Complete the sentences. Use MUCH, MANY, A LOT OF or LOTS.

Example: They eat a lot of apples.



1. We have \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries.
2. We don't have \_\_\_\_\_ bananas, and we don't have \_\_\_\_\_ fruit juice.
3. - Do you have any cereal?  
- Sure, there is \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen.
4. - How \_\_\_\_\_ is this?  
- It's ten dollars.
5. - How \_\_\_\_\_ do you want?  
- Six, please.
6. He's very busy, he has \_\_\_\_\_ work.
7. David has \_\_\_\_\_ rice, but Tyler doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_.
8. London has \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful buildings.

