**Lesson 1 – Quantifiers**

**A quantifier is a word (or phrase) which indicates the number or amount being referred to.** It generally comes before the noun (or noun phrase).

**Quantifier:** much, many, some, any, a few, a little, a lot of, lots of.



1. **Many and Much**

**Form:**



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| **many + Countable Plural Noun** | **much + Uncountable Noun** |
| *Mainly in Questions & Negatives* | *Mainly in Questions & Negatives* |

**For example:**

1. There are not many mobile phones nowadays. (many + plural noun in negative form)
2. How many mobile phones are there? (many + plural noun in question form)
3. There is not much water. (much + uncountable noun in negative form)
4. How much water is there? (much + uncountable noun in question form)



1. **Some and any**

**Form:**

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| **Some + plural noun** | **Any + plural noun** |
| * Some is used in positive sentences * Some is used in questions that are requests or offers | * Any is used in negatives and questions * Mainly we don’t use any in questions that are requests or offers. |

**For example:**

1. I need some coffee. (+)
2. I don’t need any coffee. (-)
3. Can I have some pens please? (+)
4. Do you need any coffee? (-)
5. Would you like some fresh water? (+)
6. Does she have any books? (-)
7. **A few and a little**

**Form**

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| **a few + Plural noun** | **a little + Uncountable noun** |
| *A few is used in Positives, Negatives and Questions.* | A little is used in *Positives, Negatives and Questions.* |

**Example:**

1. A few friends of mine will come and visit you the following week.



1. A few students were not assigned to do homework.
2. There is a little water in the lake.
3. Can you give me a little help?
4. **A lot/lots of**

**Form**

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| **A lot /lots of** | 🡺 | They are used with both Plural nouns & Uncountable nouns (positives, negatives, and questions). |

**For example:**

1. There is a lot of butter.
2. Are there lots of visitors nowadays?
3. I don’t have a lot of friends, but I have enough.

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct answer.*

1. There aren't \_ \_ \_ \_ car parks in the centre of Oxford.

a) much b) many

2. Eating out is expensive here. There aren't \_ \_ \_ \_ cheap restaurants.

a) any b) some

3. Liverpool has \_ \_ \_ \_ of great nightclubs.

a) a lot b) many

4. Hurry up! We only have \_ \_ \_ \_ time before the coach leaves.

a) a few b) a little

5. We saw \_ \_ \_ \_ beautiful scenery when we went to Austria.

a) a little of b) some

6. There are \_ \_ \_ \_ shops near the university.

a) a few b) any

7. It's very quiet. There aren't \_ \_ \_ \_ people here today.

a) much b) many

8. There are \_ \_ \_ \_ expensive new flats next to the river.

a) some b) a little

9. I have \_ \_ \_ \_ good idea.

a) some b) any

10. We don’t have\_ \_ \_ \_ grapes.

a) some b) any

**Instruction 2:** *Choose a word/phrase from the table below to fill each space. Some words/phrases may be used more than once.*

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | a few any a little much | a lot of some many a lot | |

1. How many children do you and Tony have?

2. I don't have any patience, and I find jigsaw puzzles boring.

3. We only have a few carrots. We should go and buy some more.

4. "Do we need some mushrooms?" "No, we have a lot of mushrooms. Look, three bags!"

5. There was an explosion at the factory and a lot of people were injured. We don't know how many yet.

6. When you make the pie, put a little/some wine in too. But not too much! It makes it really tasty.

7. I don't need any advice from you. You don't understand the problem!

8. "Do you like this program?" "Not much. You can change the channel if you want.

9. I have been to America a few/some/a lot of times. Twice in 1996 and again last year.

10. Can you give me some information about the buses in the city center, please?